BAKI

THE GRAPPLER

KEISUKE ITAGAKI

12

BAKI

THE GRAPPLER

KEISUKE ITAGAKI

PERFECT EDITION

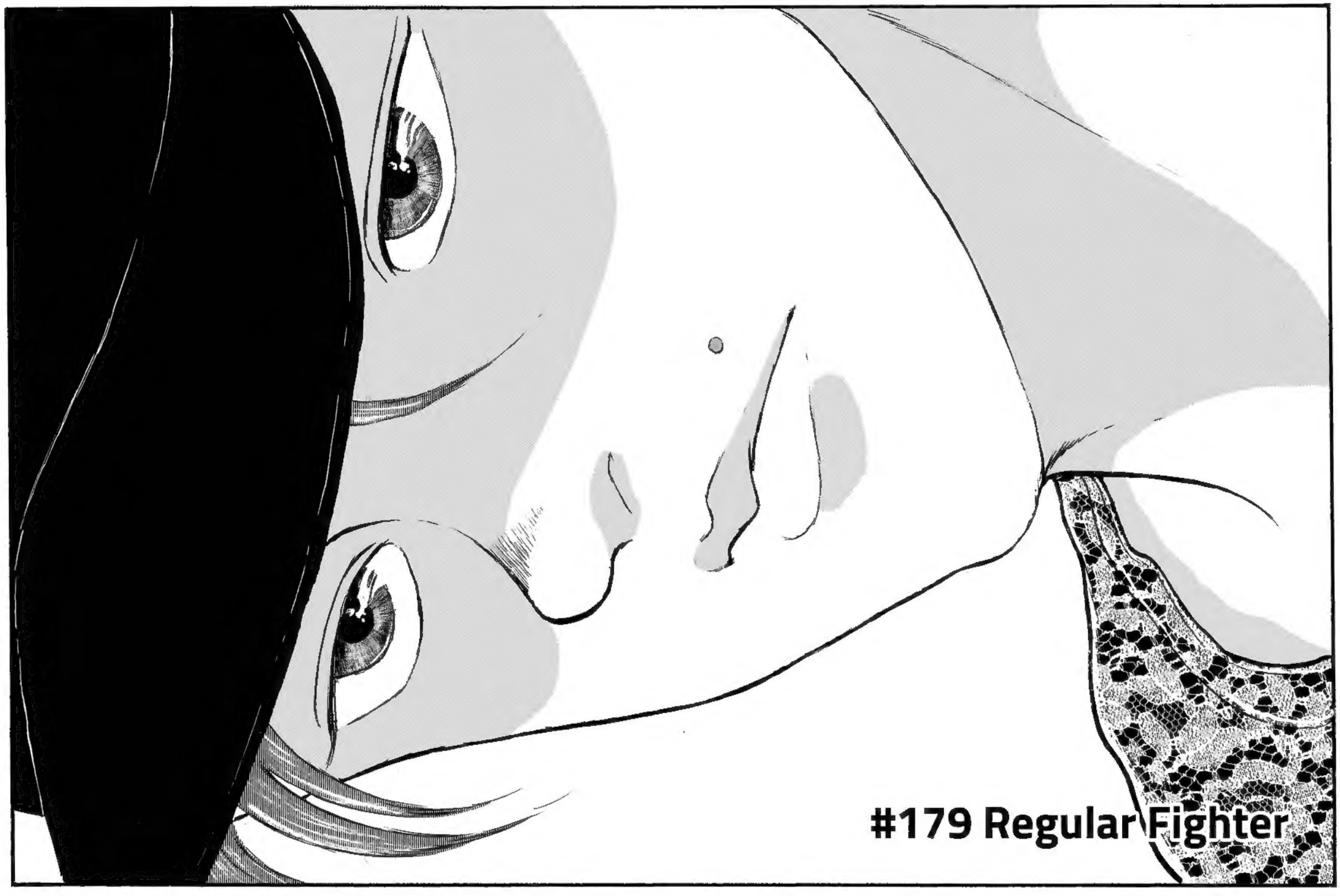
12

BAKI

THE GRAPPLER

CONTENTS

#179	Regular Fighter	005
#180	To the Sacred Grounds of Combat!!	025
#181	To the Underground Arena!!	045
#182	Katsumi Orochi	075
#183	Belt of the Strongest	095
#184	The Maximum Tournament!!	119
#185	The Party Has Started!!	139
#186	Baki vs. The Supergiant	199
#187	Dream Chasers!!	219
#188	A Warrior's Energy	239
#189	Jujutsu vs. Sumo	259
#190	A Fearsome Lifeline	279
#191	The Stacked Block B	303
#192	Man from the Northern Land	323


#179 Regular Fighter

H-HE'S USING THE SAME STANCE AS ME!!!
...YOU'LL HAVE TO GET PAST MY OPENING STRIKE!
IF YOU WISH TO SEE THE NOBLE ELDER...

I'M GOING TO ASSUME YOU'RE JUST SOME KID WHO HEARD RUMORS...

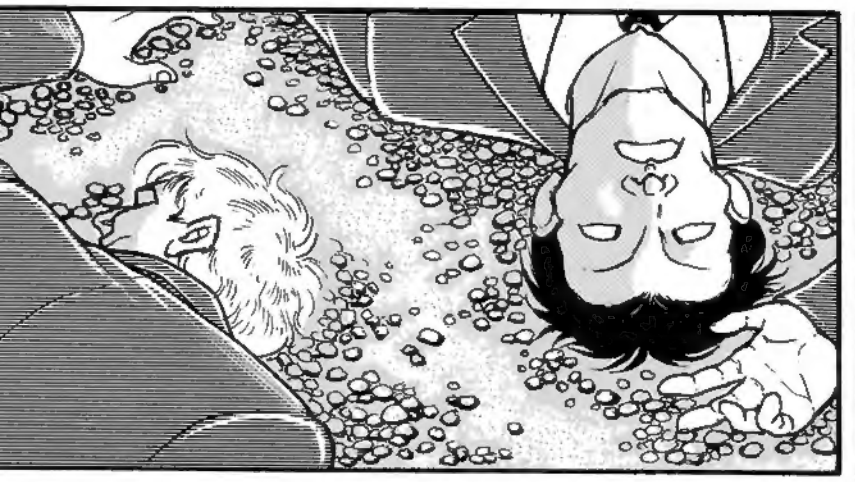
...ABOUT THE ARENA, THOUGHT IT SOUNDED LIKE FUN, AND NOW YOU WANT TO STRIKE A DEAL WITH THE NOBLE ELDER.

THIS GUY'S STRONG!

BINGO...

THAT SOUND ABOUT RIGHT, MY LITTLE FIGHTER?

ALLOW ME TO LET YOU IN ON SOMETHING, MY HONEST YET IMPULSIVE FRIEND.



...THEN YOU CAN COMPETE IN THE ARENA AS EARLY AS TOMORROW.

ON THE OFF CHANCE YOU'RE ACTUALLY ABLE TO DEFEAT ME...

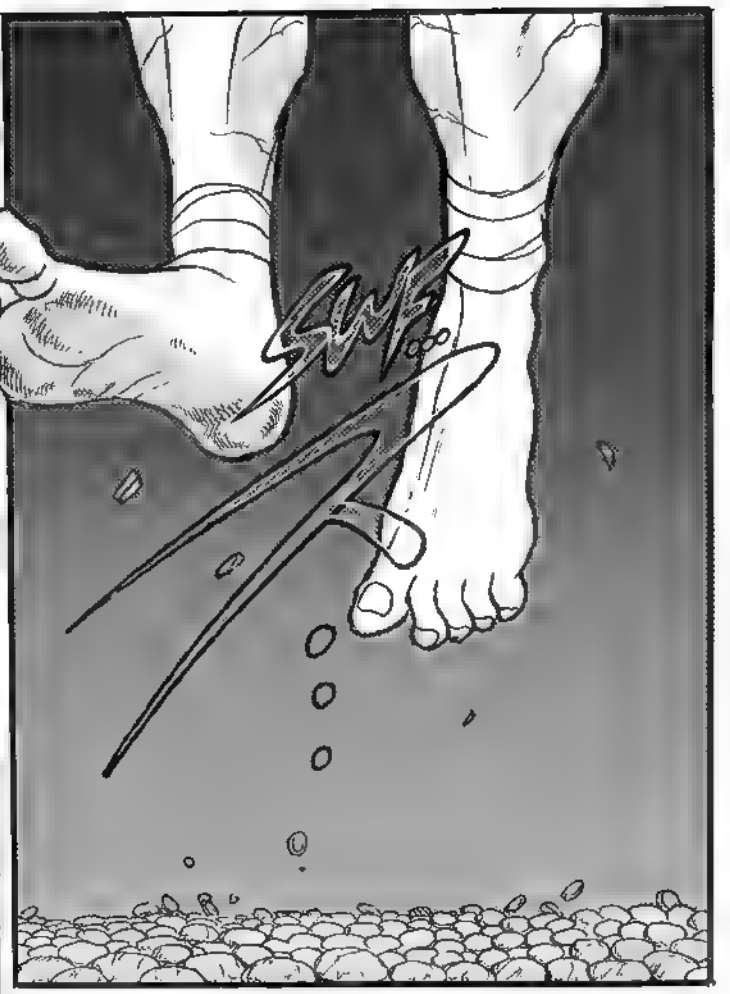
...

AND THAT'S BECAUSE I'M...

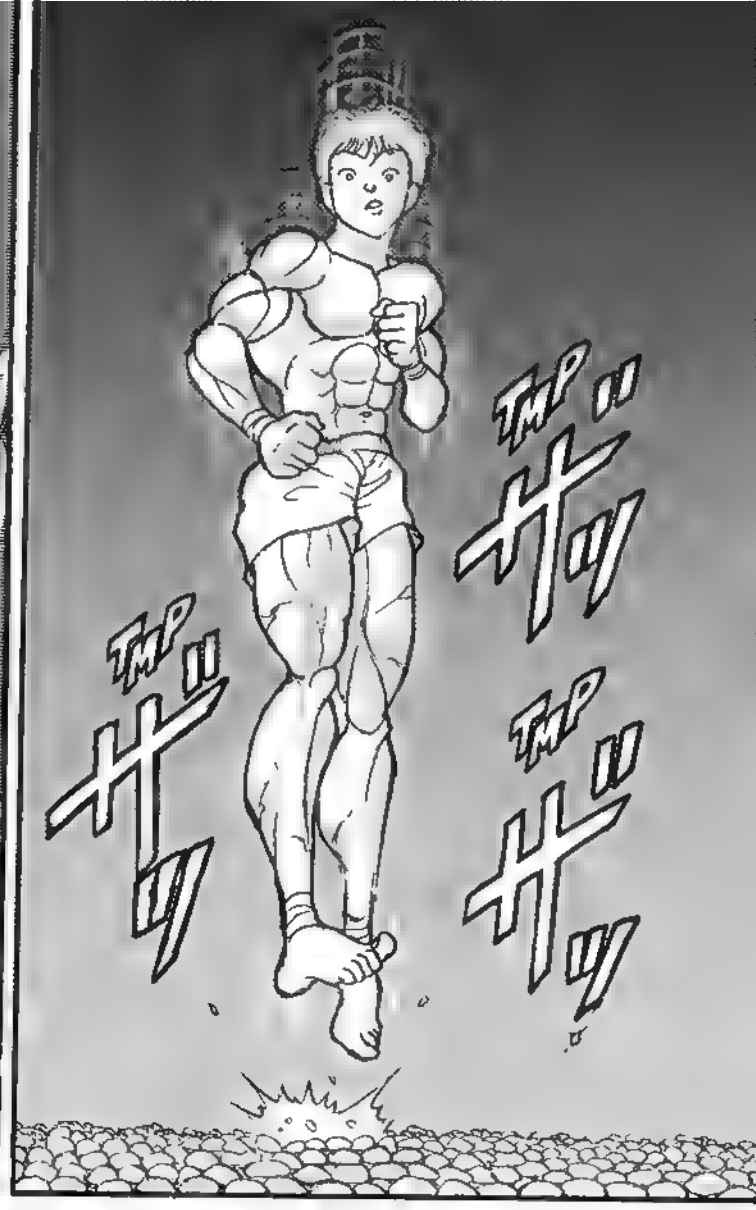
...WHO *REGULARLY FIGHTS* AT THAT ARENA.

...ONE OF MAYBE ONLY FIFTY PEOPLE IN THE WHOLE WORLD...

ゴロ
ゴロ

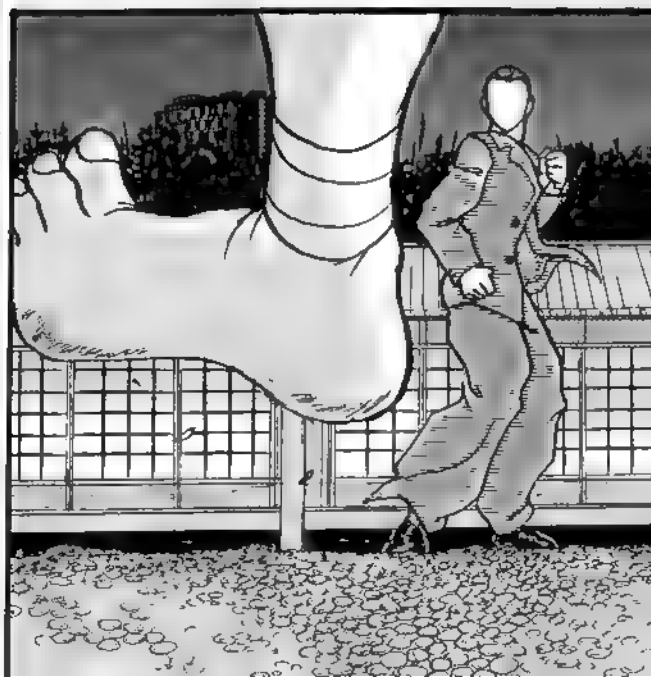

SWI

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP


TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP

BMF

COME ON.
LET'S START.



SHWOO
WHAM
JEAH!!
SHOOO
SHIP

WHAP
TWGE
TWGE
TWGE

URK, HE BLOCKED IT.

OH, JUDGING BY THAT LOOK, YOU DIDN'T EXPECT ME TO BLOCK THAT.

GU

WHAT'S THIS GUY'S DEAL?
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE ...!
HE'S NOT FIGHTING BACK AT ALL.

HE'S COPYING MY STANCE AGAIN...

IT'S A DEFENSIVE TECHNIQUE UNLIKE GAIA OR DAD'S STYLES...

HUH?

...I CAN PREDICT WHICH ATTACKS THEY WILL AND WON'T USE.

BY COPYING MY OPPONENT'S STANCE ACCURATELY...

THAT'S THE ESSENCE OF SELF-DEFENSE.

SO LONG AS YOU HAVE A PERFECT DEFENSIVE TECHNIQUE, A SINGLE, STRAIGHTFORWARD ATTACK WILL SUFFICE.

...

ESPECIALLY...

FOR EXAMPLE, EVEN SOMETHING LIKE A WOMAN'S SLAP CAN BE PLENTY EFFECTIVE.

SMF

...AGAINST GUYS LOSING CONFIDENCE IN THEIR OWN OFFENSE, LIKE YOU ARE RIGHT NOW.

ENOUGH WITH THE...

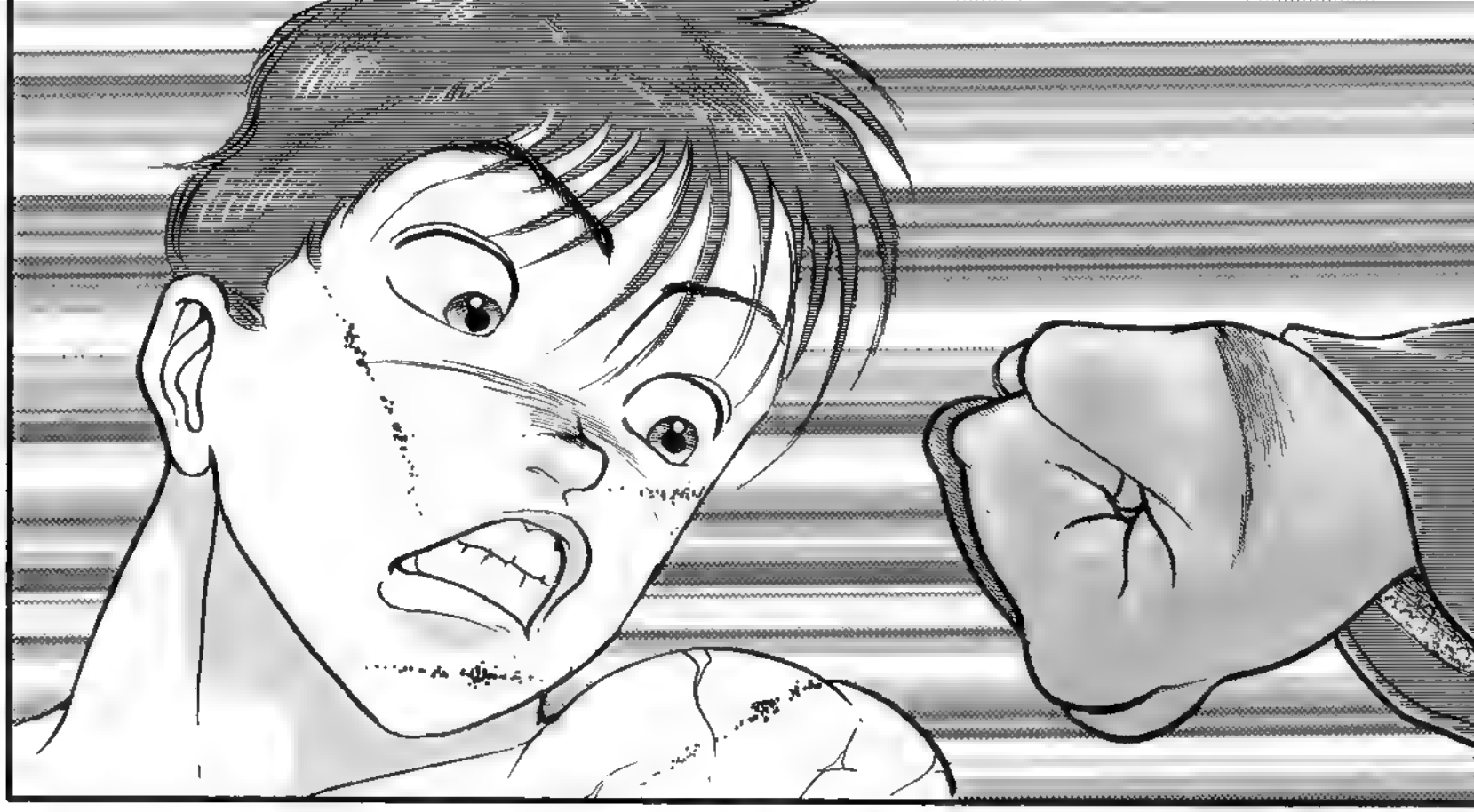
PEH

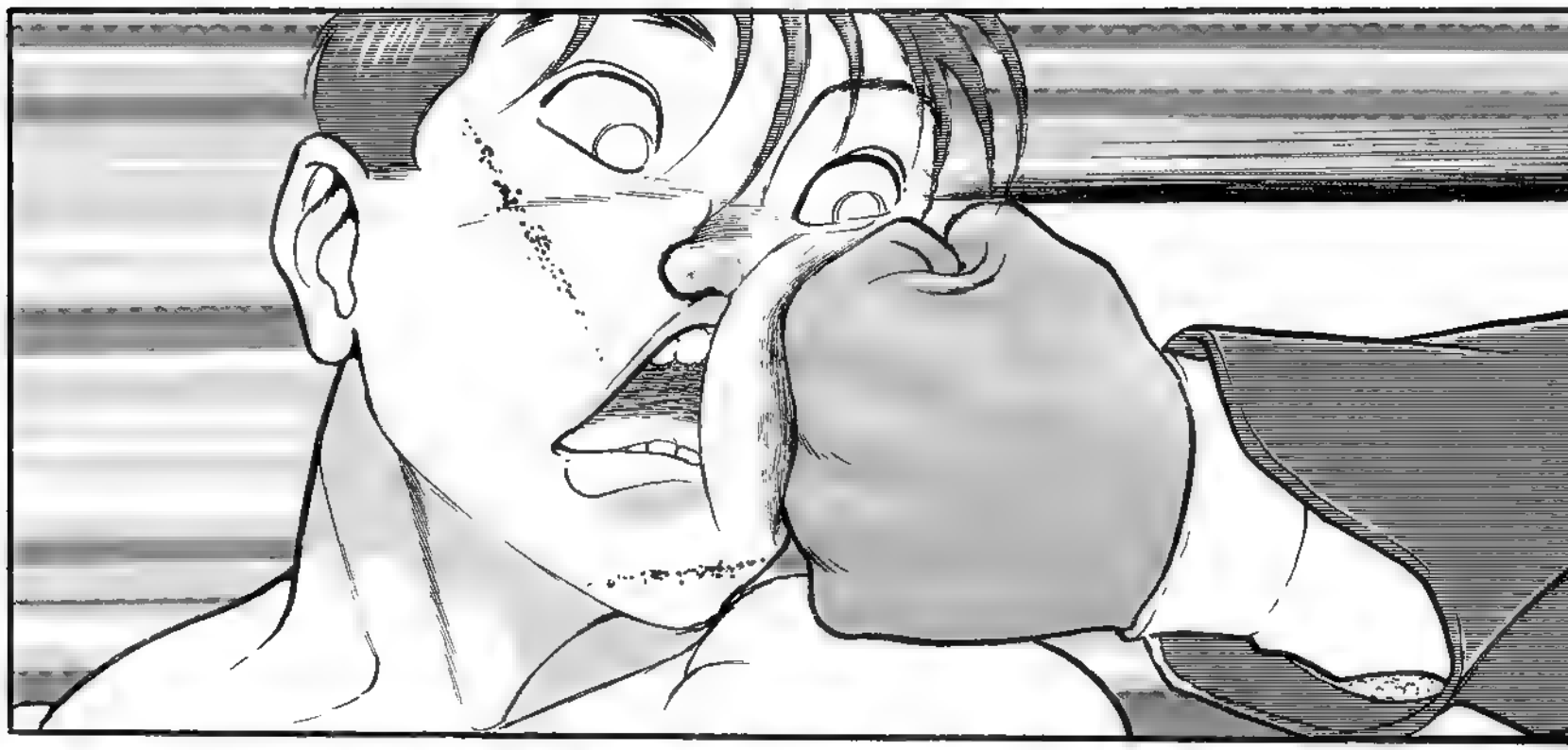
GRIP

...BULL-SHIT!

FIRST STRIKE !!!

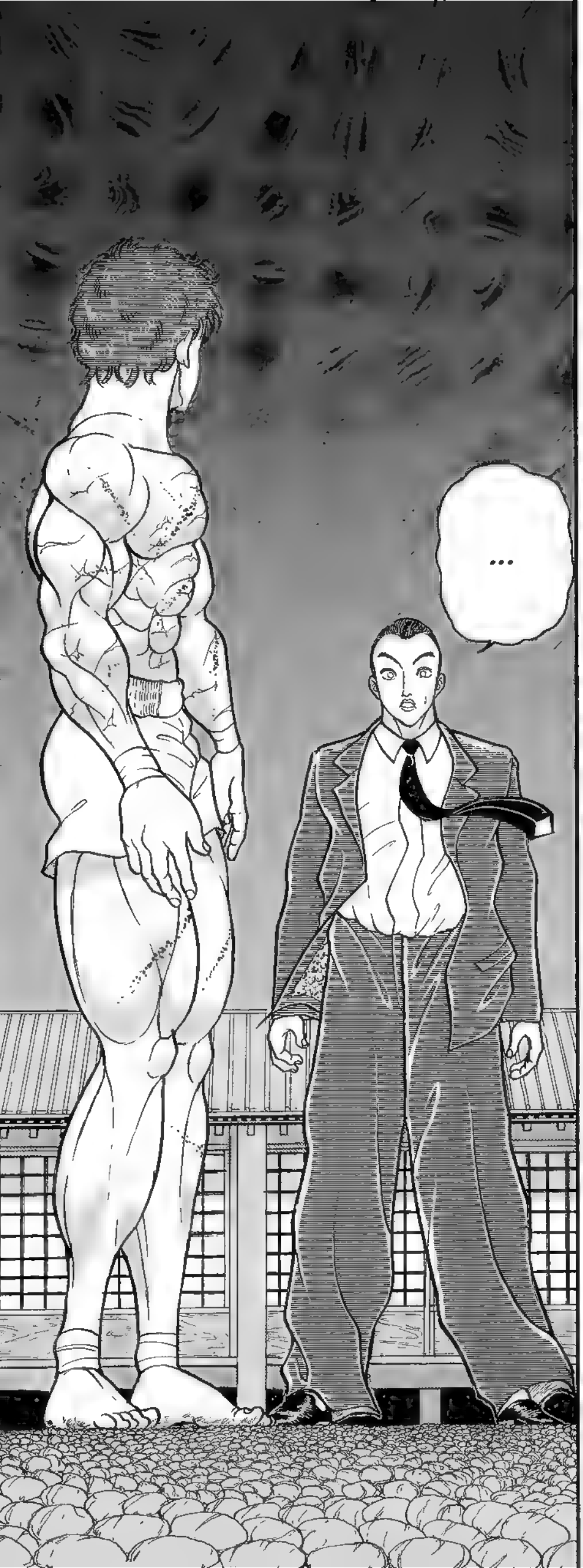
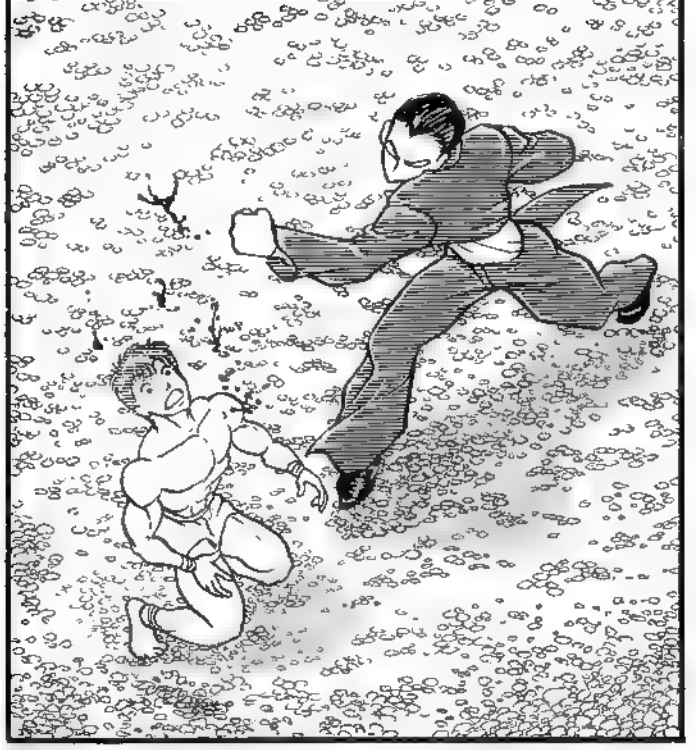
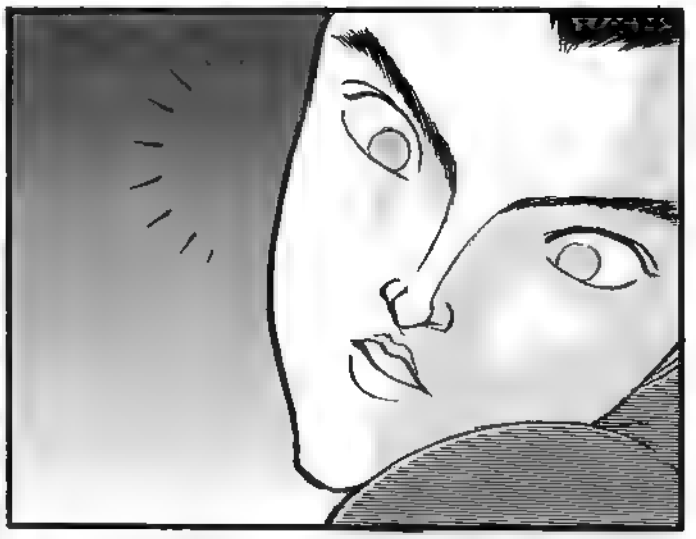
#180 To the Sacred Grounds of Combat!!

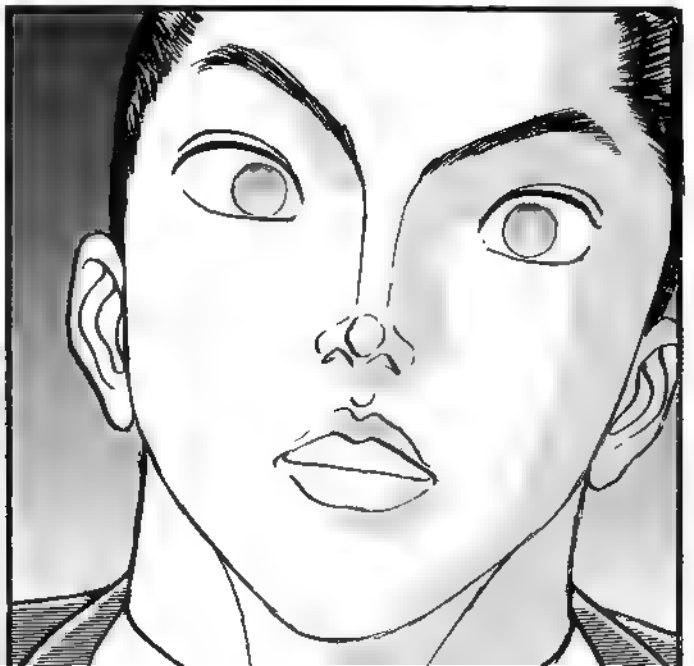




FIRST STRIKE !!!

SHINK
ドゴ


...





AFTER TAKING A STRIKE LIKE THAT HEAD-ON?

Y-YOU CAN STILL SPEAK?

YOU HAD THE PERFECT CHANCE...

WHY DIDN'T YOU LAY INTO ME?

...

I CAN TAKE MORE THAN ONE SHOT LIKE THAT.

THAT STRIKE? AW, C'MON.

YOUR DEFENSE *IS* STELLAR...

ARE YOU REALLY AN UNDER-GROUND ARENA FIGHTER?

ズイ

WURGH...

...WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED.

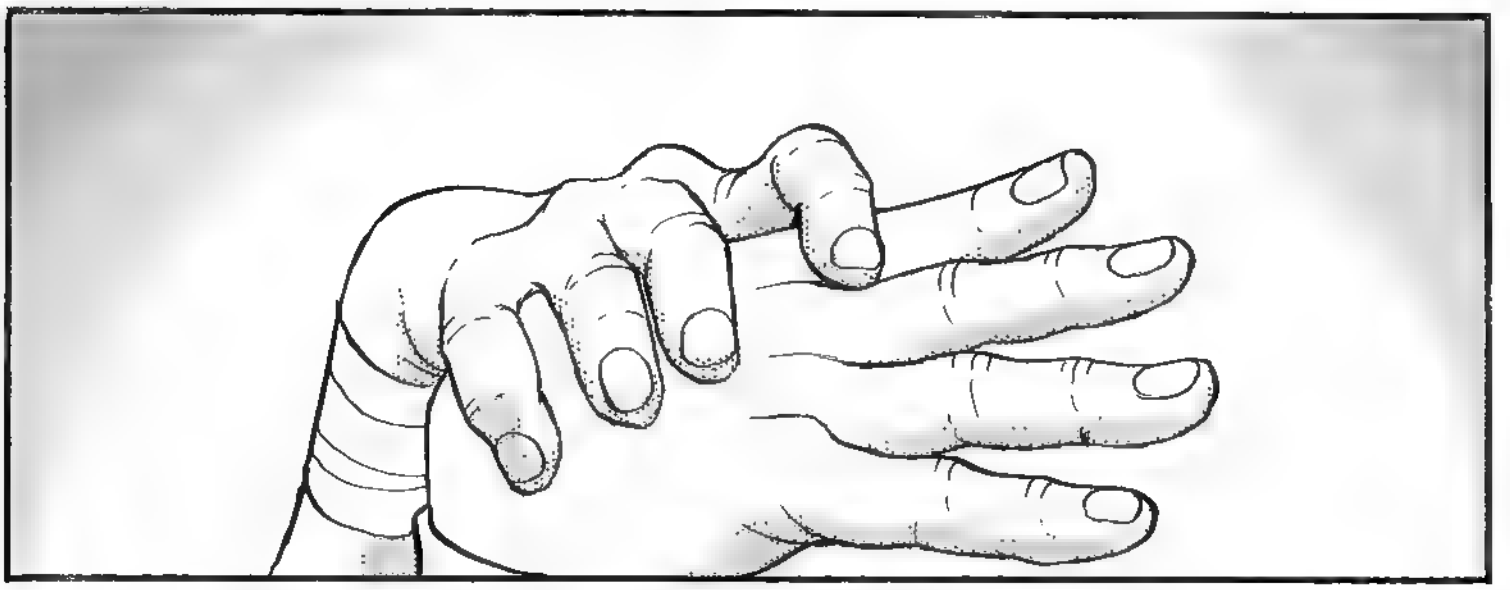
SORRY, BUT...

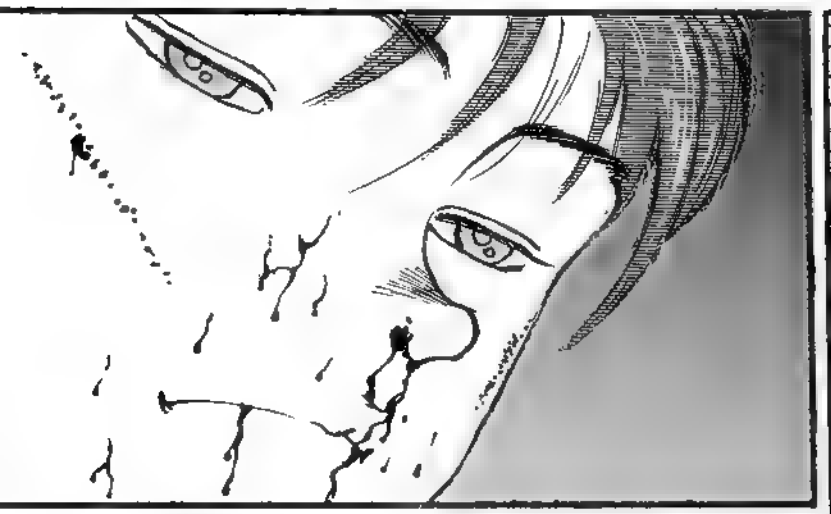
...BUT YOUR OFFENSE...

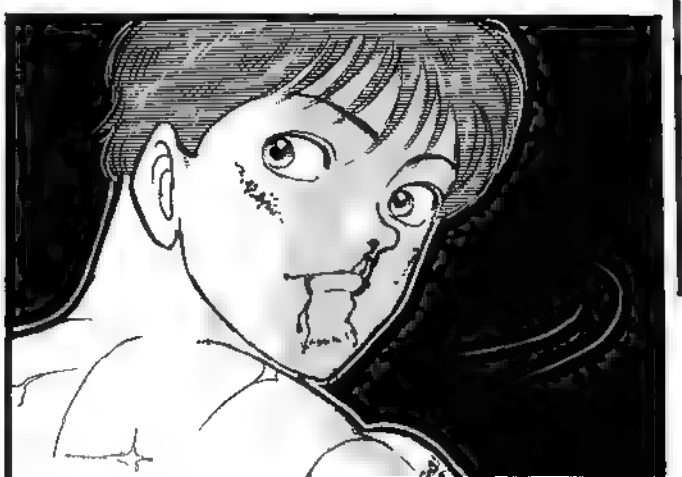
WURGH!!

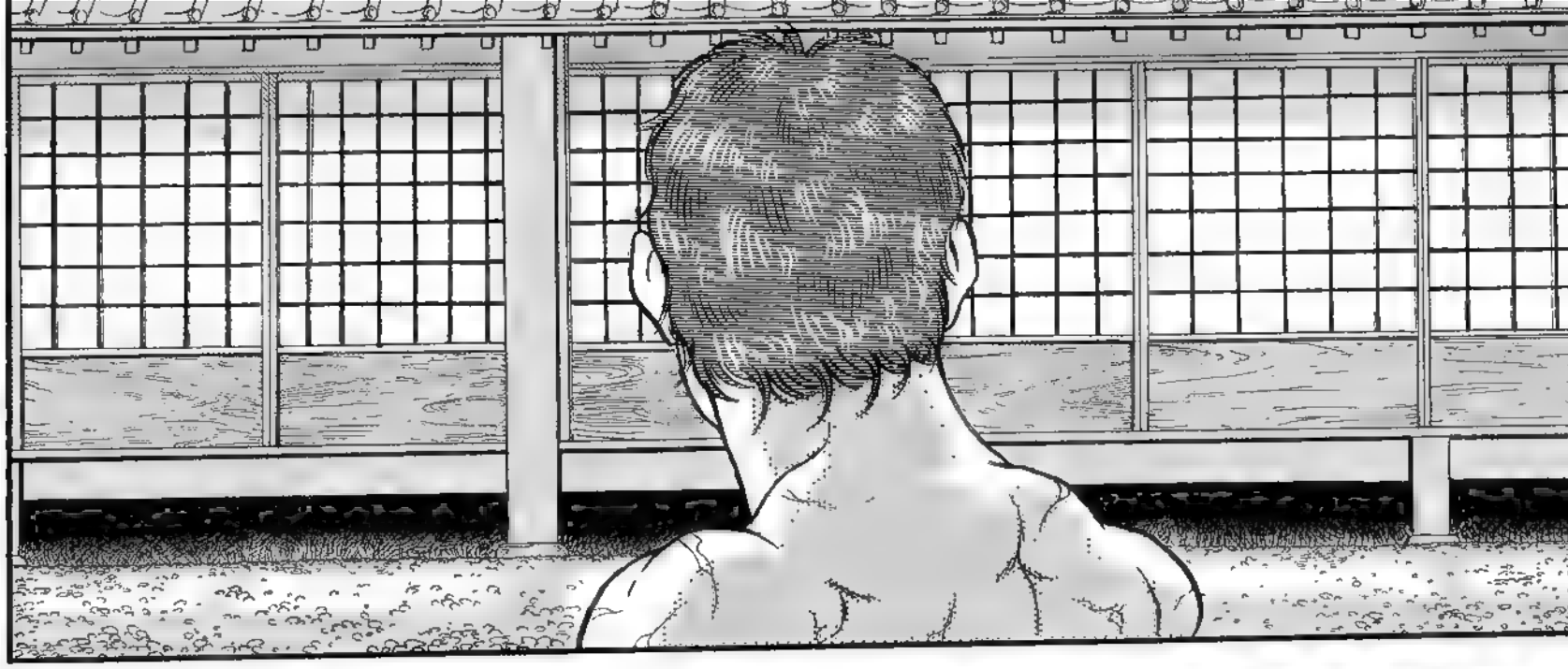
...IS TOO STRAIGHT-FORWARD!

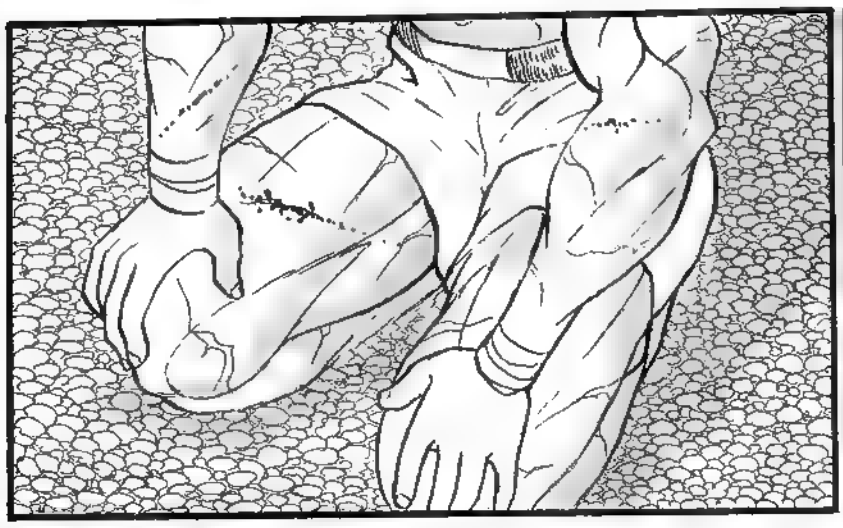
SNAP
GRCH

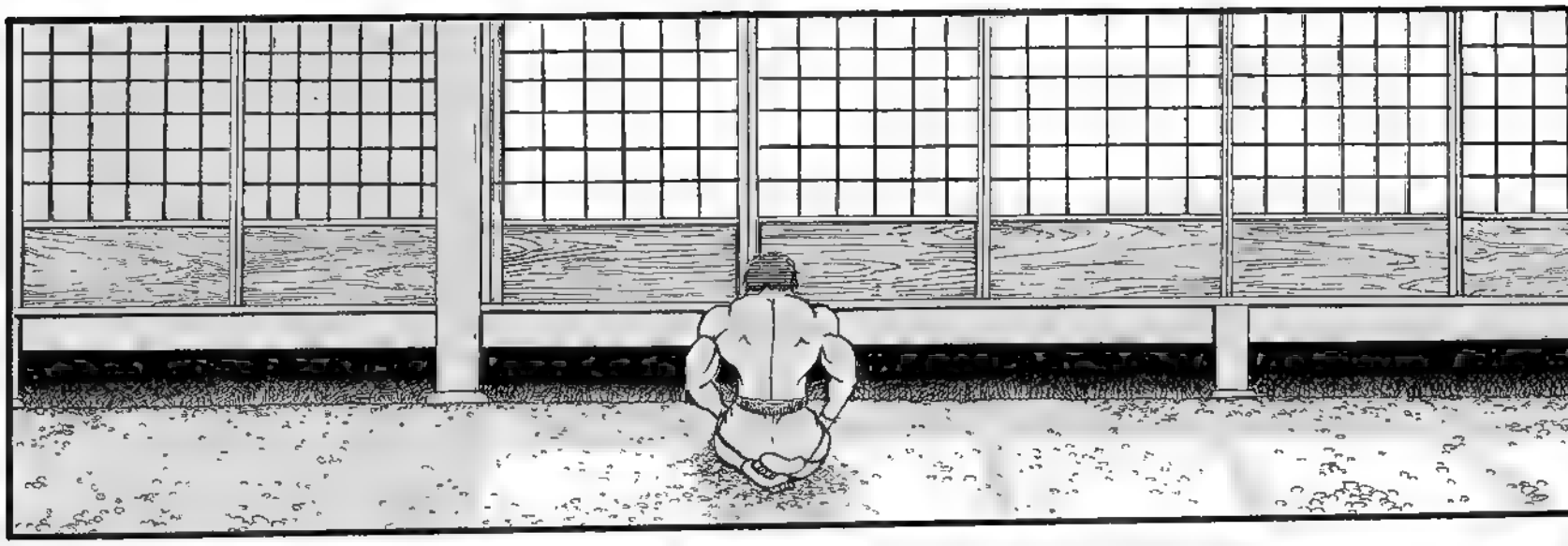












...IN ORDER TO GET MY WISH.

...AND BEATING UP ALL OF THE GUARDS...

SNEAKING IN UNDER THE DEAD OF NIGHT...

BUT...

IT'S A HORRIBLE WAY OF DOING IT.

IS NO ONE AROUND?

I CHOSE THE HARDEST AND CLEAREST METHOD...

ANY... ONE...

...THEN MY DAD IS GUARANTEED TO SHOW UP THERE EVENTUALLY.

IS ANYONE AROUND?!

WHO ARE YOU?!

WH...

IF THE UNDERGROUND ARENA REALLY IS THE PLACE THAT DETERMINES WHO'S THE STRONGEST AROUND...

HM?

PLEASE! LET ME COMPETE IN THE UNDERGROUND ARENA!

DOUBLE, NO, TRIPLE OF HOW STRONG I AM NOW! EVEN MORE ...!

I WILL BECOME EVEN STRONGER !!!

YOU'VE GOT THE SKILL TO DISLOCATE THE SHOULDER OF KANO, THE BOTTOM OF C-LEAGUE...

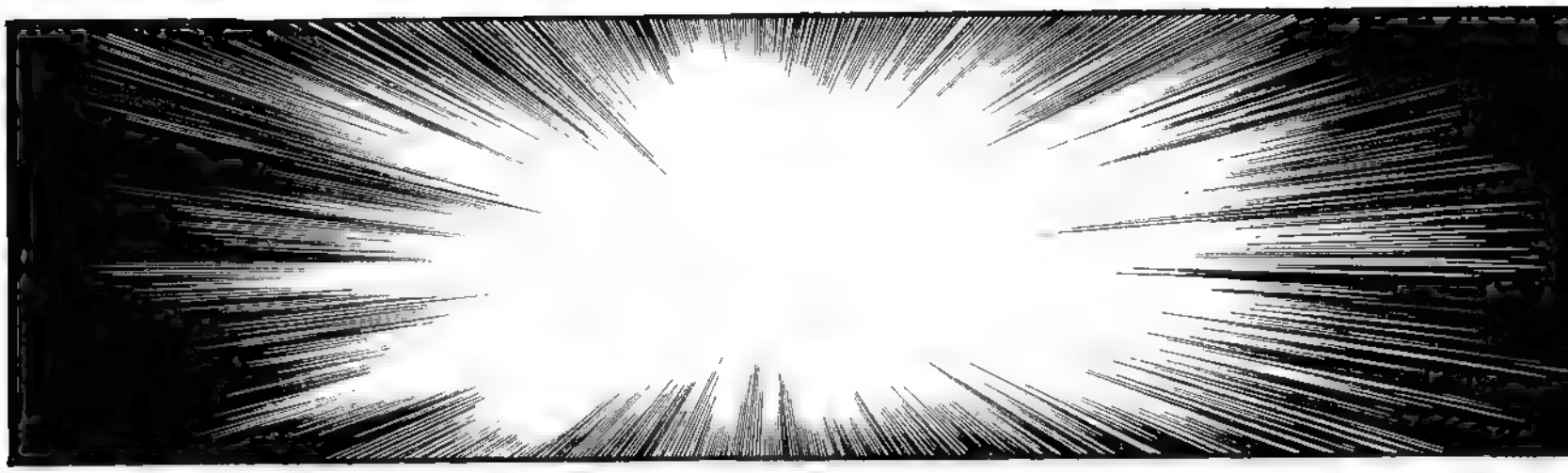
YOU'RE YUJIRO HANMA'S SON, RIGHT?

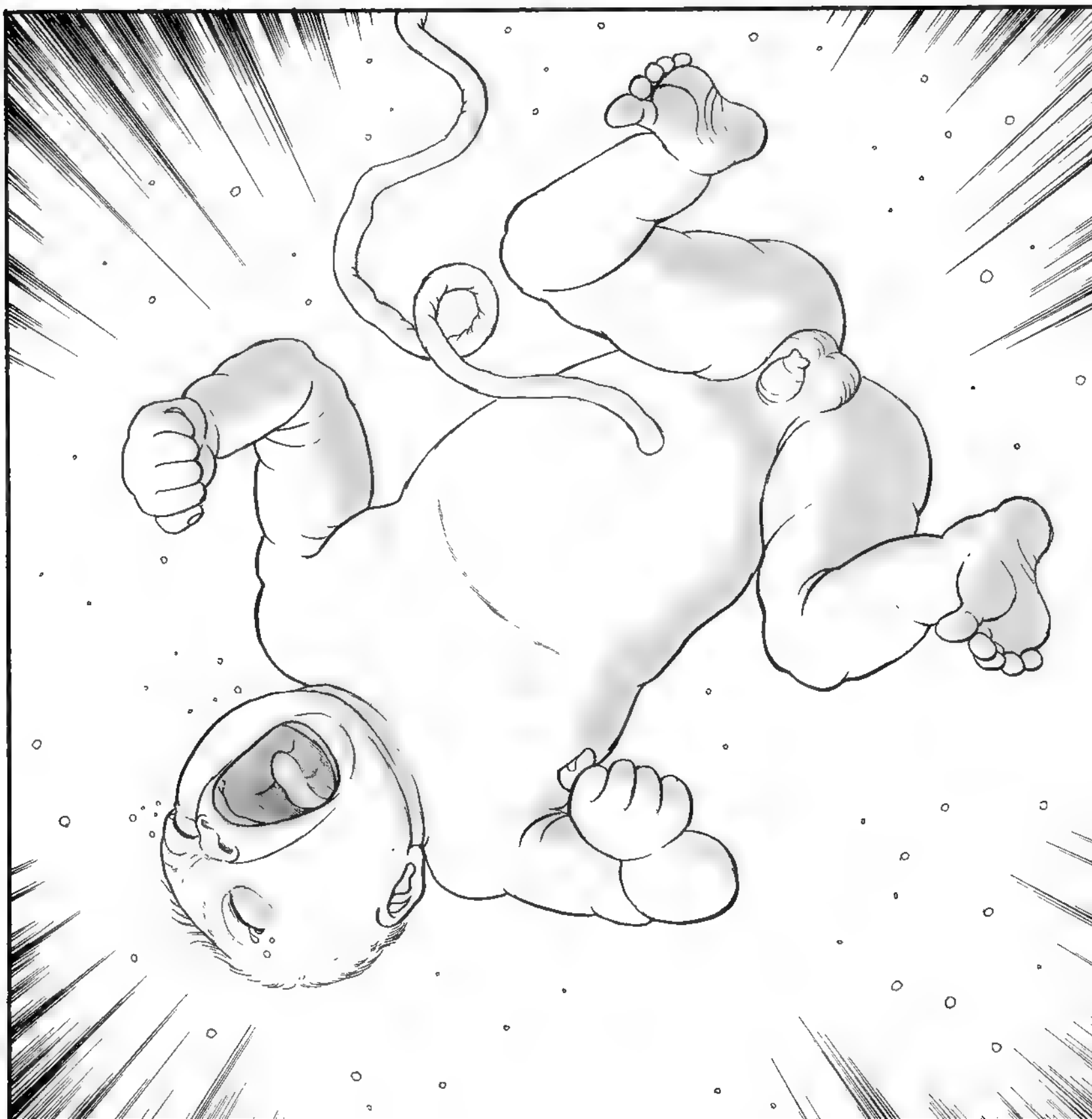
C-
LEAGUE
...?

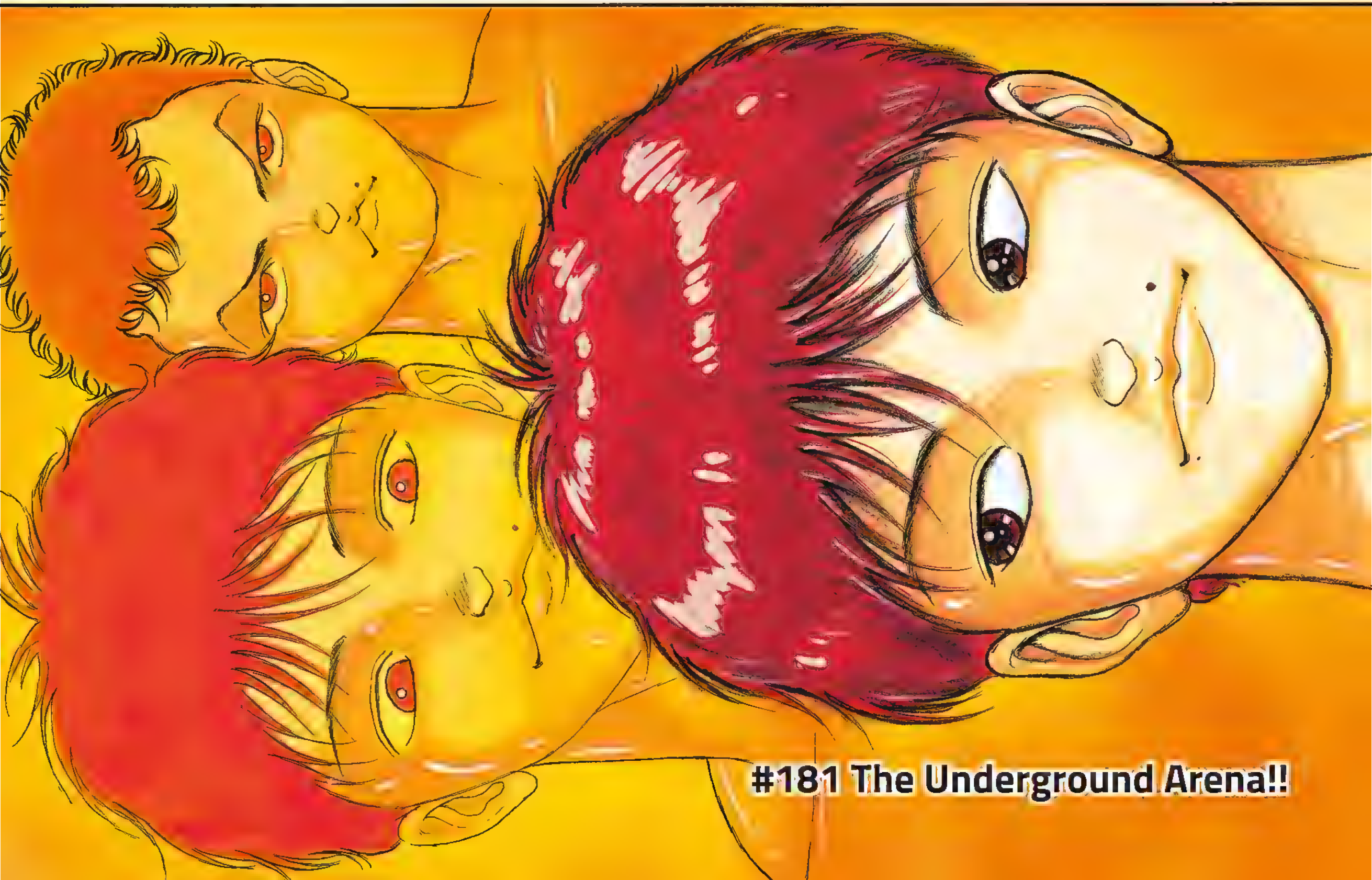
...

CARE TO
FILL IN FOR HIM?
START FROM THE
BOTTOM?

I'LL REALLY KILL YOU
YOUR ASS IS GRASS
I WONT RUN OR HIDE







#181 The Underground Arena!!

NORTHWEST OF MT. FUJI, 900-1,200 METERS ABOVE SEA LEVEL...

AOKIGAHARA FOREST

HEH HEH. EVERY YEAR, THEY FIND A BUNCHA' SUICIDE VICTIMS AROUND HERE.

LET'S GET OUTTA HERE ALREADY, UGH!

SHINICHI, COME
WE'RE WORRIE
HANAI 000-000

OMIGOD, IT'S SO DARK..

WHAT IS *THIS* DOING HERE?

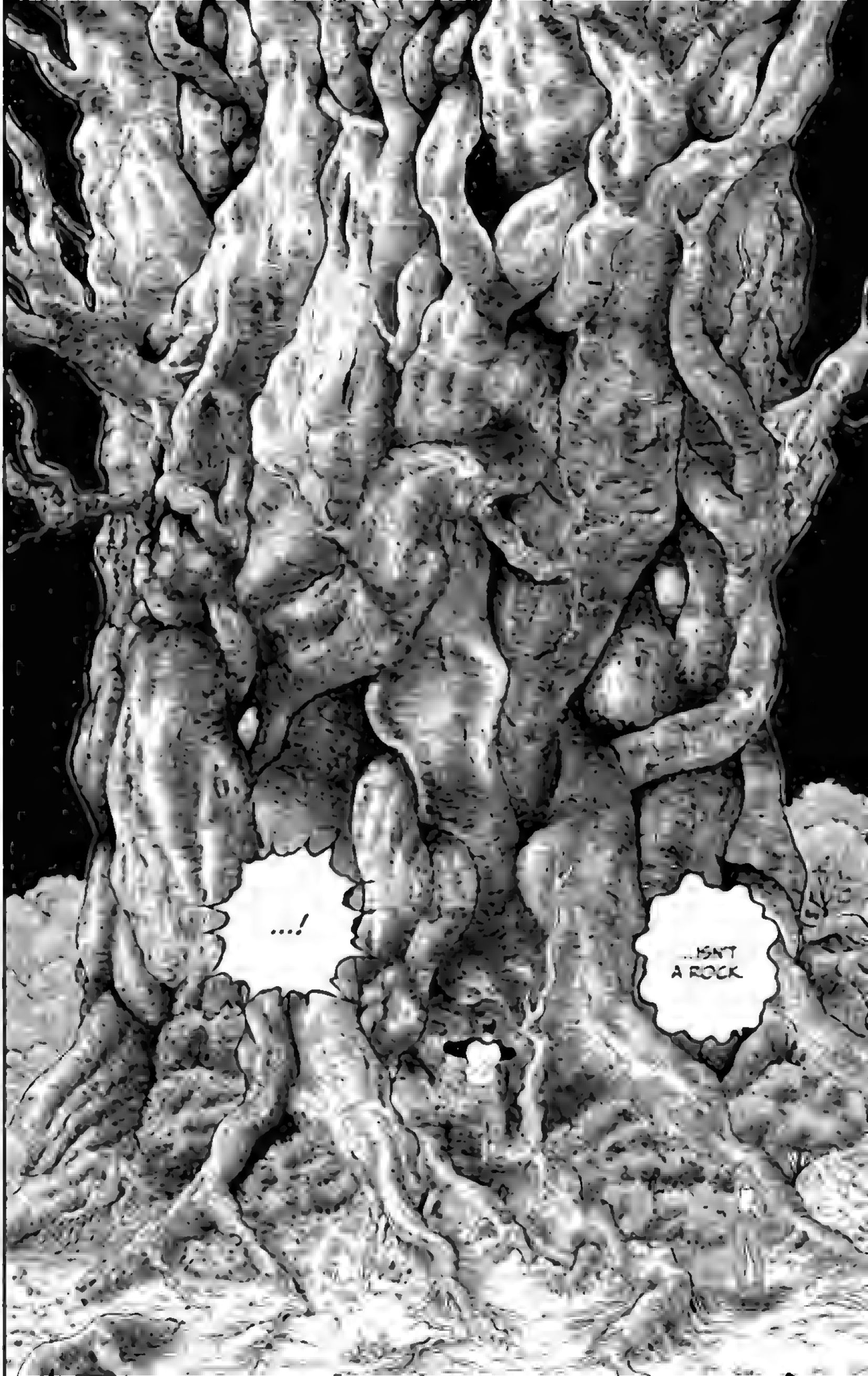
...

HEY, SHO!

I DON'T WANT TO STAY HERE.

SHO, THAT...

A ROCK?


...!
...ISN'T A ROCK

IT'S GOTTA BE OVER ONE OR TWO THOUSAND YEARS OLD.

HOW FRIGGIN' OLD IS THIS THING?

...

number

WHAT ARE YOU—

EEE-
EEEK!!!

BAKI HANMA, AGE 17

OH GOD!
OH GOD!
OH GOD!
number
AIYEEEEEE!
...

SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
EEE!
EEE!
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP

SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP

KRIK

BRAK

BRIK

KRAK

SHF

SHF

SHF

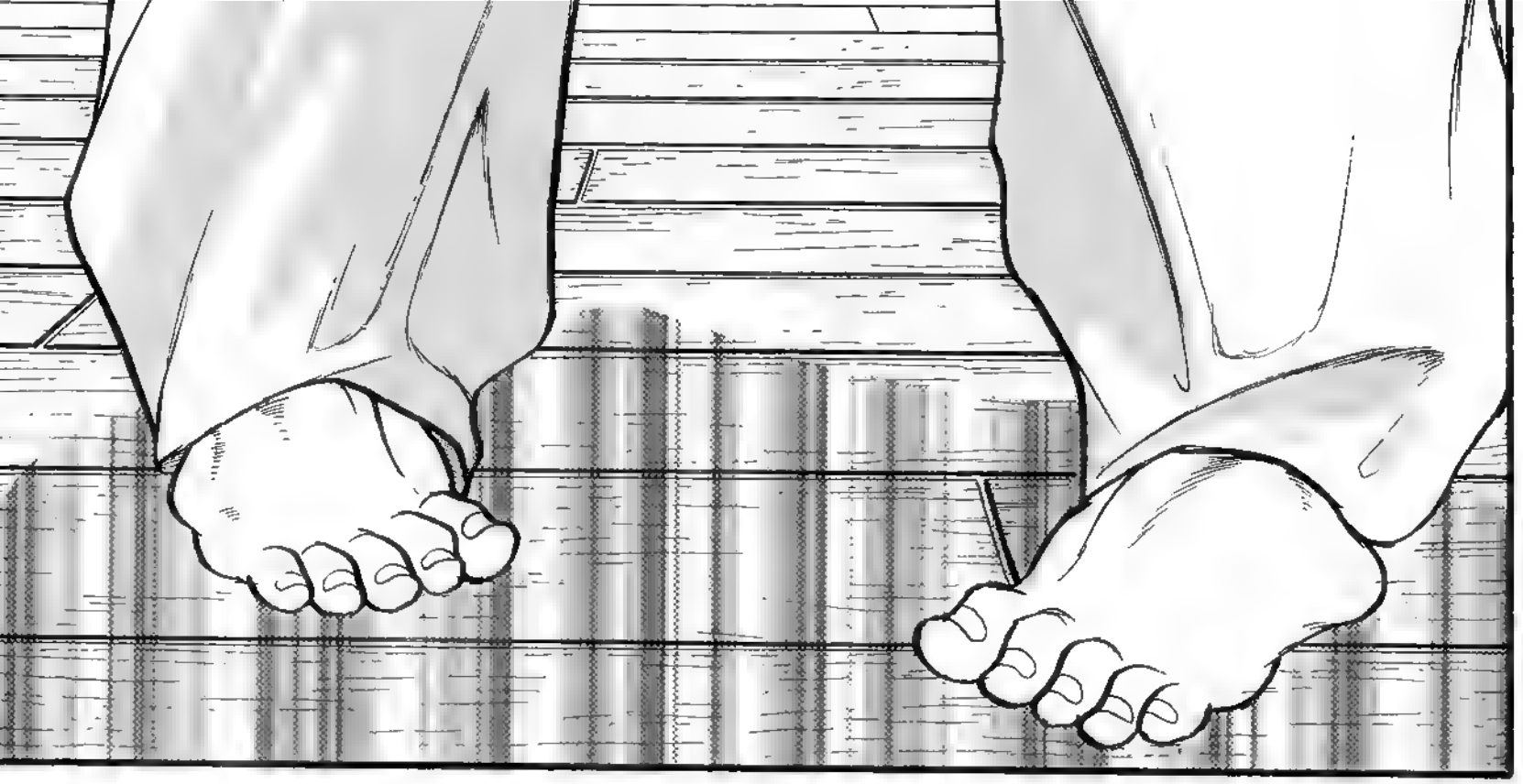
SHF

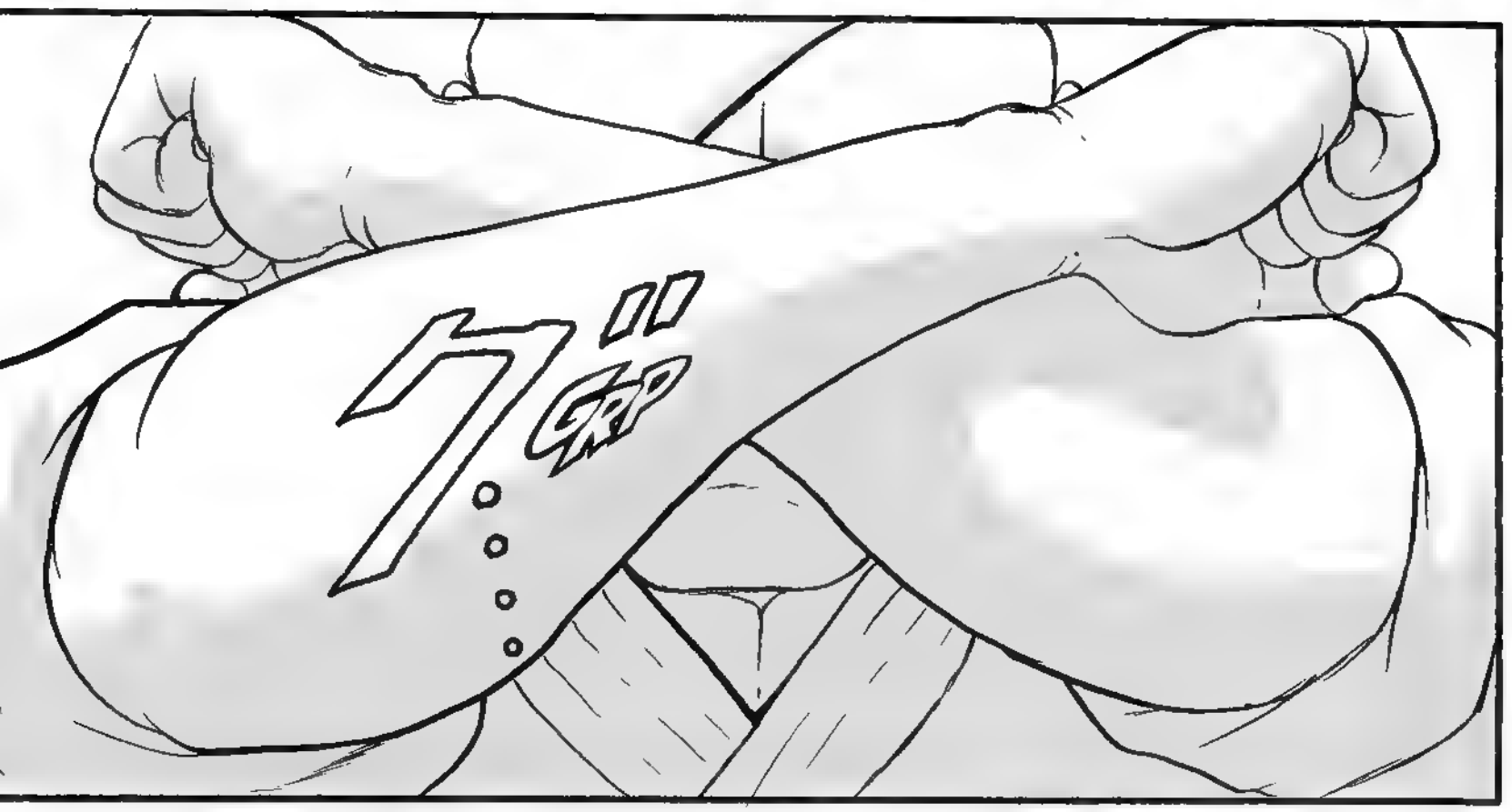
TM
TM
TM

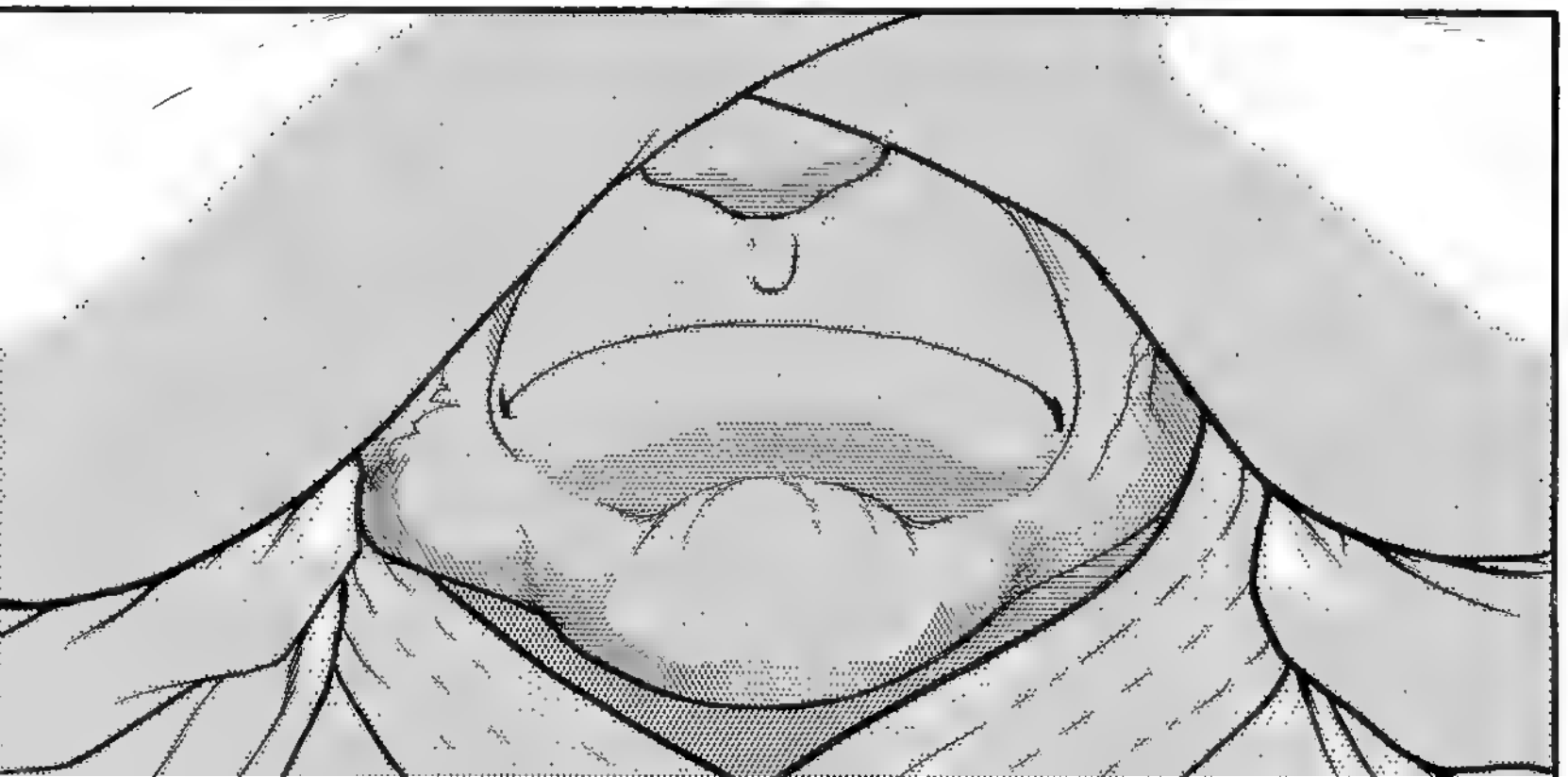
KARATE
空手道
神心會館本部
SHINSHINKAI HEADQUARTERS
麻雀
PUB

飯炎

TOKYO DOME
UNDERGROUND
ARENA
ORGANIZER
MITSUNARI
TOKUGAWA




GRP



本郷神心
SHINSHINKAI
KARATE DIRECTOR
DOPPO
OROCHI

オオオオ
KAH!

SHK

KLK

PSH

KLK

...
...
CLAP CLAP CLAP
I SUPPOSE THERE'S WORSE WAYS OF DOING PHYSICAL THERAPY.
ALL-JAPAN THREE-TIME CHAMPION ATSUSHI SUEDO
INDEPENDENT KARATE PRACTITIONER KIYOSUMI KATO

YOU REALLY ARE A MONSTER... I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU LIKE THIS.

YEAH?

DIREC-TOR.

EXCELLENT!

WELL DONE!

HA HA... YOU FLATTER ME. THIS IS SIMPLY... PENANCE.

...

I CAN'T VERY WELL STAY DEFEATED, NOW CAN I?

PENANCE?

AFTER ALL, WE AT THE SHINSHINKAI *DO* CLAIM TO BE THE STRONGEST ON EARTH...

...

WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT BEING THE BEST IN THE KARATE WORLD ?!

THAT'S WHY I'M TELLING YOU, DIRECTOR—

NOBODY WILL CALL YOU THE STRONGEST ON EARTH JUST BECAUSE YOU WON A FEW STRIKING MATCHES.

本部神心

THE TITLE OF STRONGEST ON EARTH...

...IS ONLY MEANT FOR THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO *FIGHT* AND CONTINUE TO *WIN.*

...KATSUMI TO THE UNDERGROUND ARENA.

I'M SENDING...

WHA...

I MEAN, HE'S YOUR...

Q-QUIT JOKING AROUND, DIRECTOR...

ALRIGHT, THEN LET'S SEE HOW FUCKED UP YOUR FRONT TEETH ARE BY YOUR SECOND YEAR.
WELL SORRY, BUT MINE ARE ALL IMPLANTS.
I'M THE QUINTESSENTIAL RUGBYMAN NOW. ♡
LOOK, I'VE GOT ALL MY ORIGINAL TEETH.
OH?
WELL, WELL.
HM?

ALLOW ME TO ILLUSTRATE MY VISION OF THE ULTIMATE KARATEKA.

*HE'S SPEAKING ENGLISH.

<HEY, YOU PLAY RUGBY TOO?>*

CAN WE HELP YOU?

WEIGHT IS 115 KILOS WITH SOME LIGHT BODY FAT!

SOMEONE WITH A HEIGHT OF OVER 185 CENTIMETERS!

CAN RUN 100 METERS IN THE TEN-SECOND RANGE!

LEG STRENGTH!

HEY, YOU TRYIN' TO PICK A FIGHT OR WHAT?

BENCH PRESS REACHES 300 KILOS!

!
EEP ...!
PISH
HEY ...
...!

AND AS FOR THEIR POWER...
本部
本部 神心
HOLD ON, YOU!
HEY, DAMMIT!

THE ONLY ONE WHO MATCHES THIS IDEAL IS KATSUMI.
...IT TRUMPS ANY WESTERNER BY FAR!!!

AND I'M NOT JUST SAYING THAT BECAUSE HE'S MY KID!

#182 Katsumi Orochi

THE MAN KNOWN AS KATSUMI OROCHI... IF I HAD TO DESCRIBE HIM...
...I'D SAY THAT HE'S *FINISHED* KARATE.
PWSH
HUH ...?
FINISHED ...?
SWIG
GULP

GULP
GULP
GULP
GULP
GULP
SLRP SLRP
...!
GUSH

HOT DAMN, THAT'S THE GOOD SHIT!

BURP

...MY POINT IS!

SOOOOO...

...EVEN I CAN'T SAY HOW MANY MILLENNIA HAVE PASSED SINCE THEN.

WE ASSUME THAT KARATE HAS ITS ORIGINS IN ANCIENT CHINA...

...THE *VEIN* OF KARATE HAS BEEN MINED DRY.

REGARDLESS, BY NOW, IN THE PRESENT DAY OF 199X...

少林寺

NO... MAYBE IT'D BE BETTER TO SAY THAT HE *PERFECTED* IT...

...!

BUT DIRECTOR, MR. KATSUMI IS OUR ACE-IN-THE-HOLE FOR THE UPCOMING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS...
KATO.
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR EDGE TOO? WELL?
THE WORLD CHAMP-IONSHIPS DON'T MEAN A DAMN THING!

KARATE HAS BEEN PERFECTED BY THE HANDS OF THE UNPARALLELED MARTIAL ARTS PRODIGY, KATSUMI OROCHI!

SO NOW WE HAVE TO SEND OUT OUR STRONGEST!!!

STRONGER THAN ANYONE!

STRONGER THAN ME !!!

THE LEADER OF THE SHINSHINKAI HAS LOST A MATCH !!!

TOKU-GAWA.

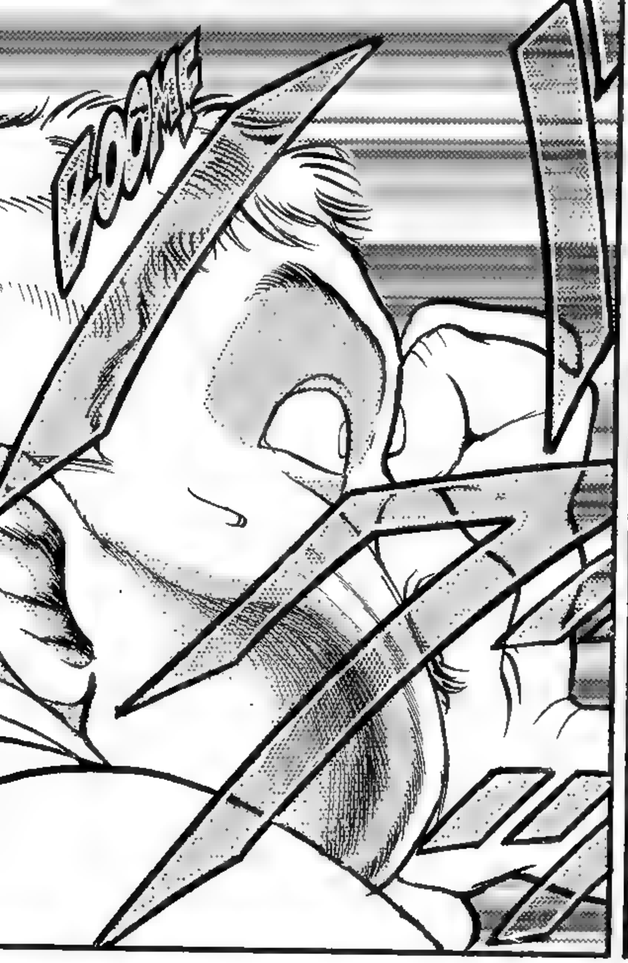
IT'S JUST AS YOU HEARD. I'M SENDING KATSUMI INTO YOUR ARENA.

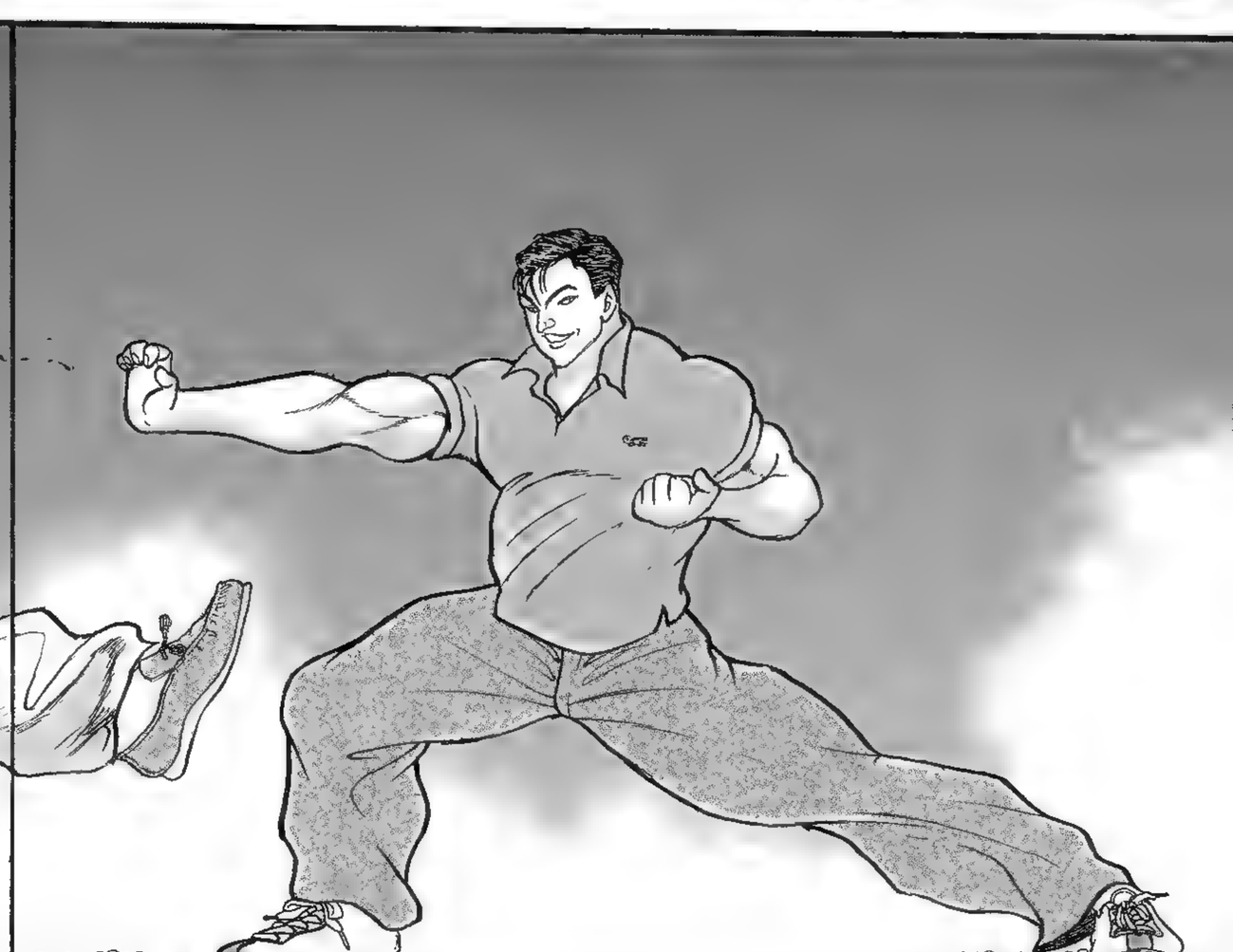
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO HE FACES. HELL, PIT HIM AGAINST BAKI FIRST, IF YOU'D LIKE.

GOOD TIMING, DOPPO...

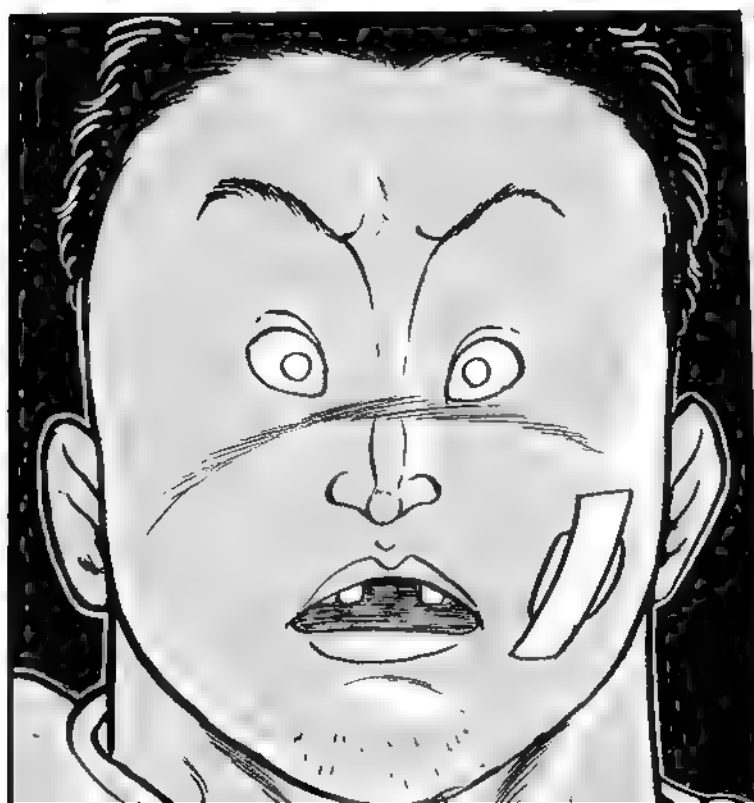
I HAPPEN TO HAVE A PRESENT FOR YOU.

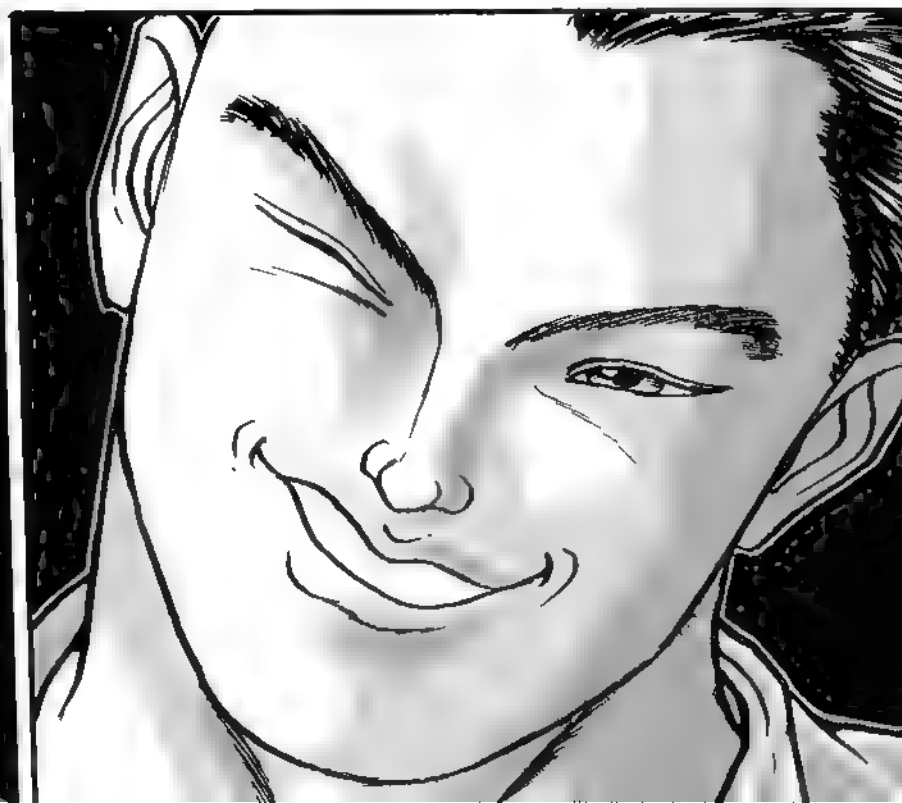
ガチ
KRAKK


BOOM!

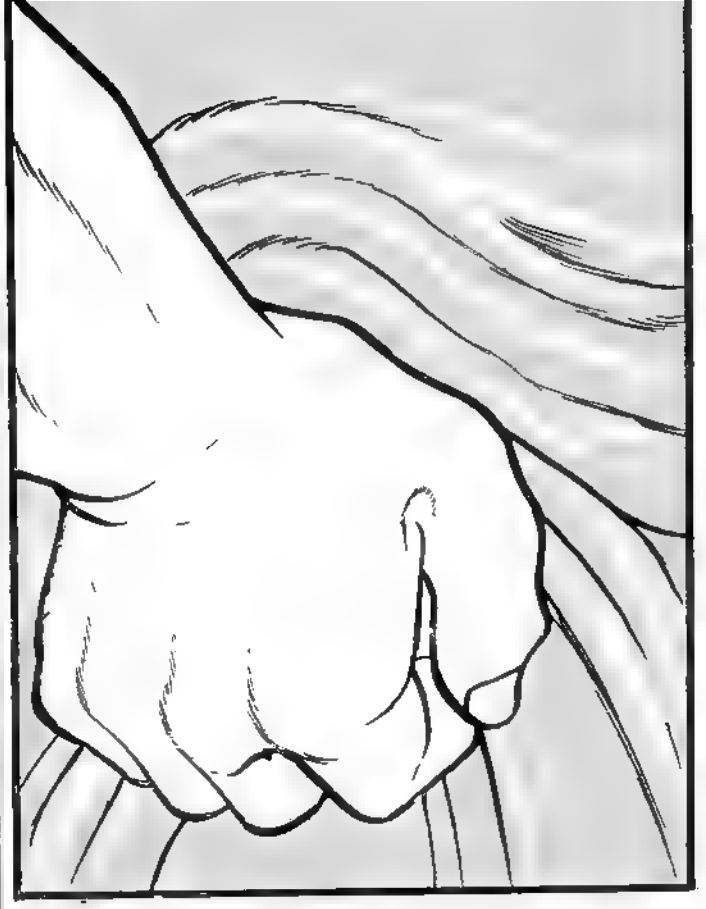


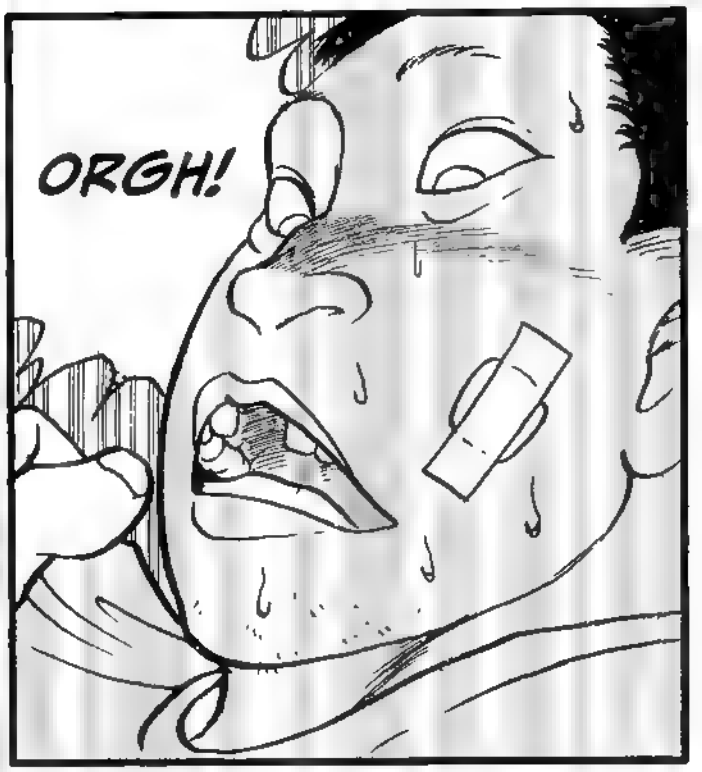
TUG





SWING




ORGH!

?!

WHOA!

...

OSU!

YOU GOTTA BE FUCK-ING KID-DING ME!!!

YOU...

YOU'LL TAKE A LOOK, RIGHT ?

WHAT A SHAME, I WANTED TO SHOW OFF MY SPECIAL ATTACKS.

HYU!

TNK

TNK
PSH
...

A TOURNAMENT FOR THE STRONGEST ON EARTH! A BATTLE FOR THE UNDERGROUND ARENA BELT !!!

I'M HOLDING AN EVENT!

WHA?!

HUFF!

HUFF!

HUFF!

...!

BAKI...

MUSASHI! ♡♡♡

#183 Belt of the Strongest

PLEASE HAVE MERCY!

SHINSHINKAI KARATE HEADQUARTERS DOJO

AIYEE!

KOFF! KOFF!

...!

OSU.

TH-THE YOUNG MASTER !!!

AH...!

W-WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED, SIR?

IS THAT GUY... WHO I THINK HE IS?

MR. KATSUMI.

ARE THE FEMALE STUDENTS STILL HERE?

OOH, HEY, INOUE!

YOUNG MASTER ...

HERE YOU GO!

JUST WANTED TO DROP BY BEFORE TAKING HIM TO THE HOSPITAL ...

T- TAKEDA.. THE RUGBY PLAYER...

SO, WHERE DO YOU GIRLS LIVE ?

THAT ONE INCIDENT ...!

WELL, ISN'T IT NICE THAT FAMOUS PEOPLE ARE SO EASY TO FIND?

F- FORGIVE... ME...

...

UM, OSU... B-BUT DON'T YOU THINK YOU OVERDID IT A BIT?

AH, I GUESS I DID, HUH?

...

HEEEEEY! CALL AN AMBU-LANCE !!!

MM-HMM ...

O-OSU...

TO THINK A TWENTY-YEAR-OLD BRAT COULD PERFORM THE *TENSHO*, THE GREATEST OF ALL KATA, THIS FLAWLESSLY.

SHU!

I'M OUT OF MY LEAGUE...

本部神心
DAD, I HEARD YOU MANAGED TO DO THIS *BOTTLE CHOP* WHEN YOU WERE THIRTY.
...
YEAH!
本部
THEN YOU MUST'VE BEEN LACKING IN TALENT!

URK!
JYAH!
FIGURES.
HE DID IT! THE BOTTLE CHOP AT AGE TWENTY!!!

KICK

本部神心
GLUP...
AHHH! I'M SORRYYY!
FSHHHH...
ゴボゴボ
GLUB
GLUB
本部神心

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY THAT AND I GOT CARRIED AWAY...

WAS IT COLD?

NO...

...PRODIGIES IN THIS WORLD.

I GUESS THERE REALLY ARE...

YEAH...

HE CUT THE MIDDLE OUT OF THAT BEER BOTTLE.

ARROWS OR GUNS, IT DOESN'T MATTER, EH?

M-MR. MATSUO?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE THIS LATE?

T...

...TOURNAMENT OF THE STRONGEST?

IT'S A BIG EVENT THAT THE TOKUGAWA GROUP IS POURING ALL THEIR RESOURCES INTO.

AND MASTER BAKI...

THE PLAN IS TO FEATURE THE STRONGEST FIGHTERS ON EARTH.

WHILE YOU HOLD THE TITLE OF THE ARENA'S CHAMPION, IN THIS TOURNAMENT, YOU WILL SIMPLY BE TREATED AS ANOTHER COMPETITOR.

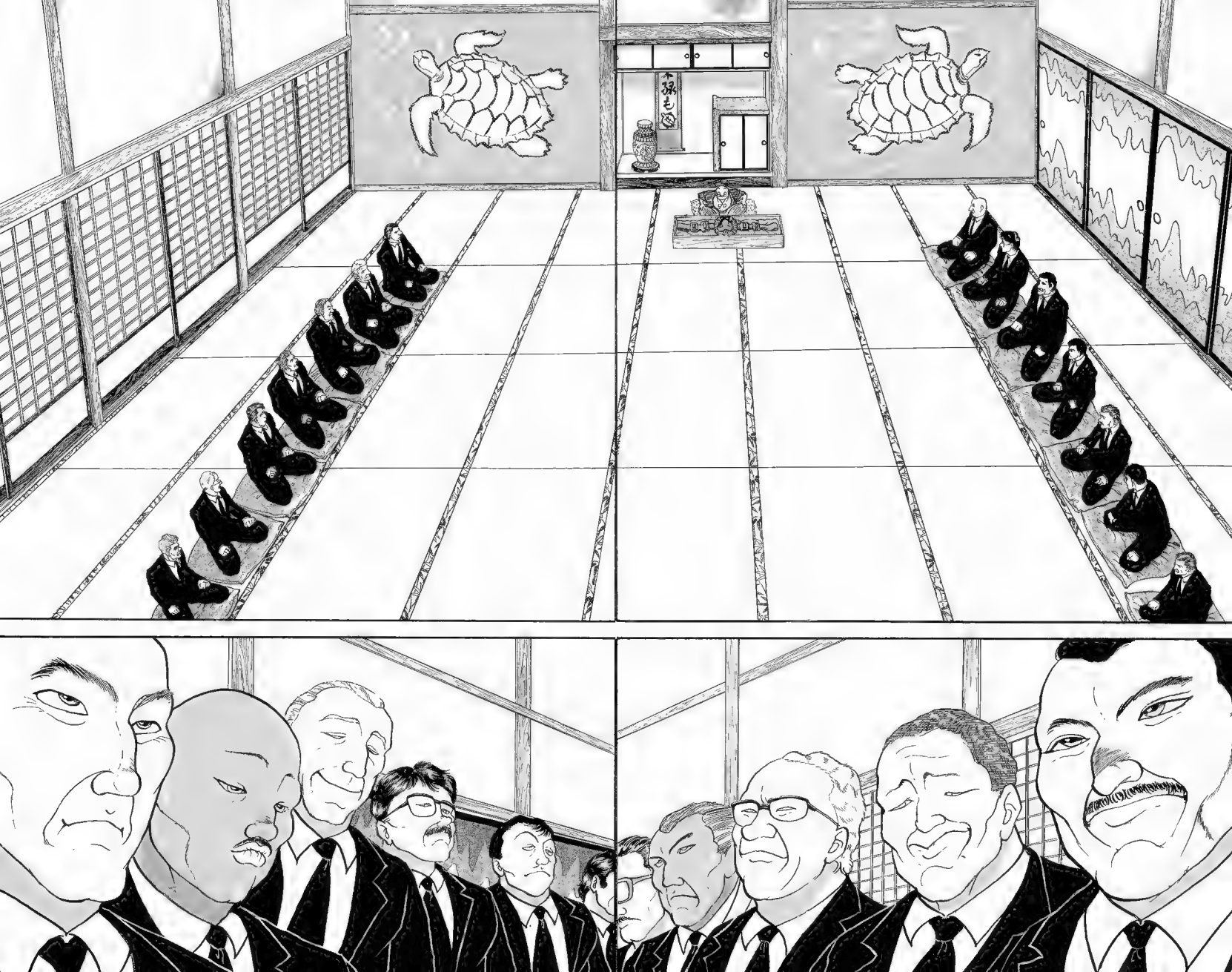
...

I *LOVE* THIS KINDA STUFF.

THIS IS THE *BEST.*

*SIGN: MITSUNARI TOKUGAWA

徳川光成



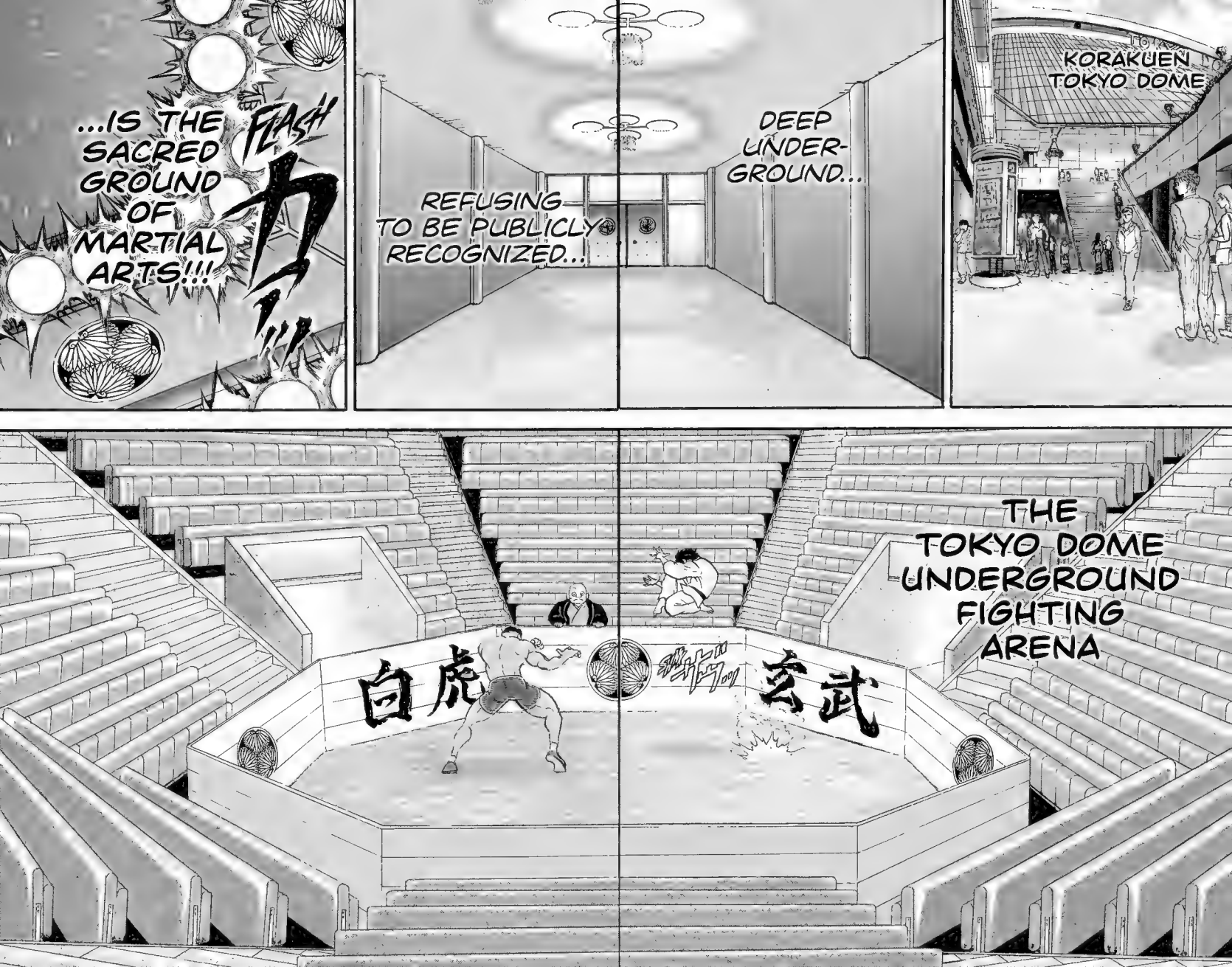
I GOT A GREAT BARGAIN.
ONE-HUNDRED MILLION, EH?
I CAN SMELL THE BLOOD NOW.
THIS BELT WAS WORN BY PANKRATION* CHAMPIONS IN THE ANCIENT ROMAN OLYMPICS.
*PANKRATION: AN UNRESTRICTED, UNARMED COMBAT SPORT.

EVEN IF YOU NEED TO GO TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH, I WANT YOU TO FIND ME ALL OF THE MEN WHO ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO BE WORTHY OF THIS BELT!

MONEY IS NO OBJECT !!!

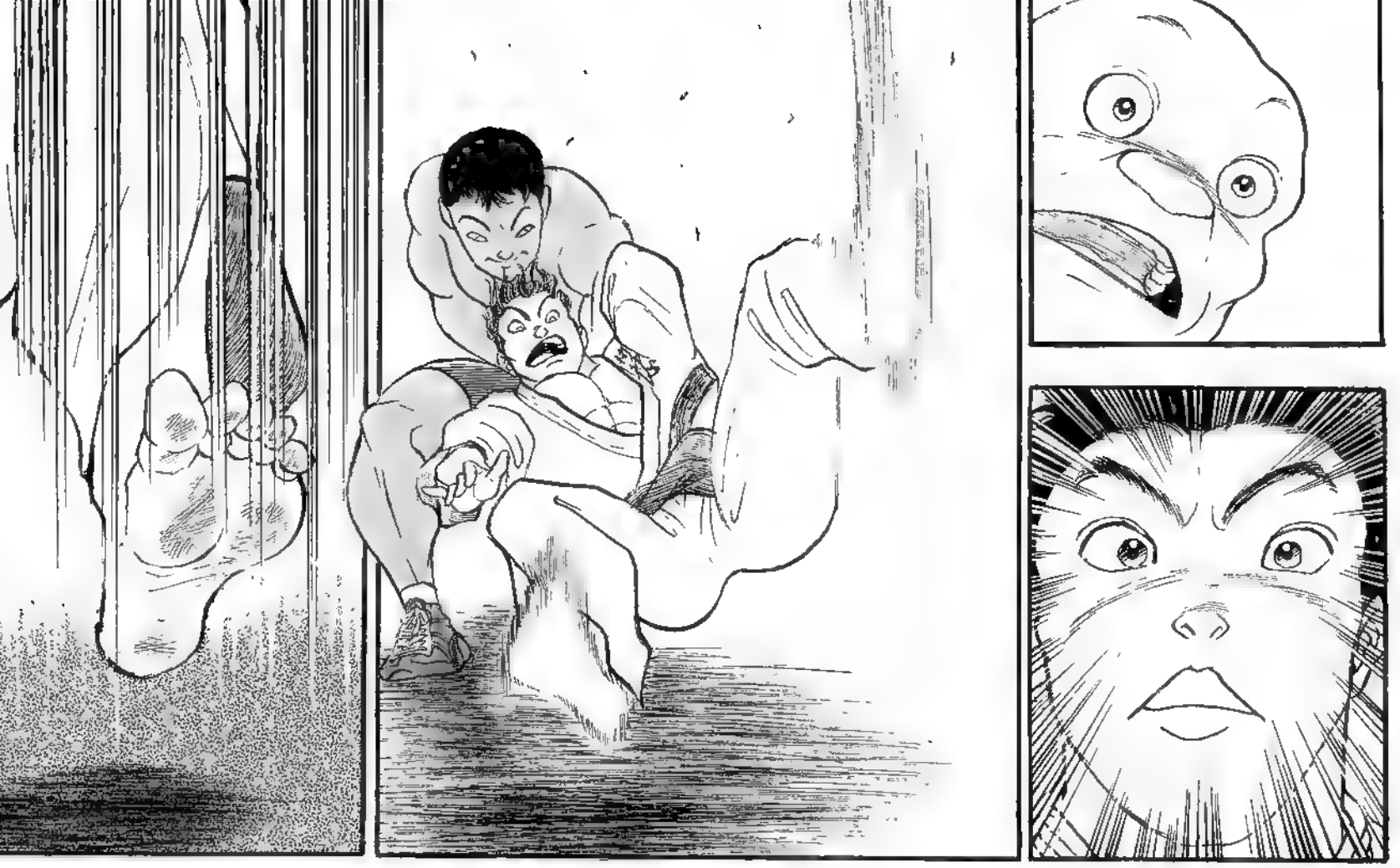
YESSIR !!!!!

#184 The Maximum Tournament!!


...IS THE SACRED GROUND OF MARTIAL ARTS!!!
FLASH
カ
REFUSING TO BE PUBLICLY RECOGNIZED...
DEEP UNDER-GROUND...
KORAKUEN TOKYO DOME
THE TOKYO DOME UNDERGROUND FIGHTING ARENA
白虎
玄武

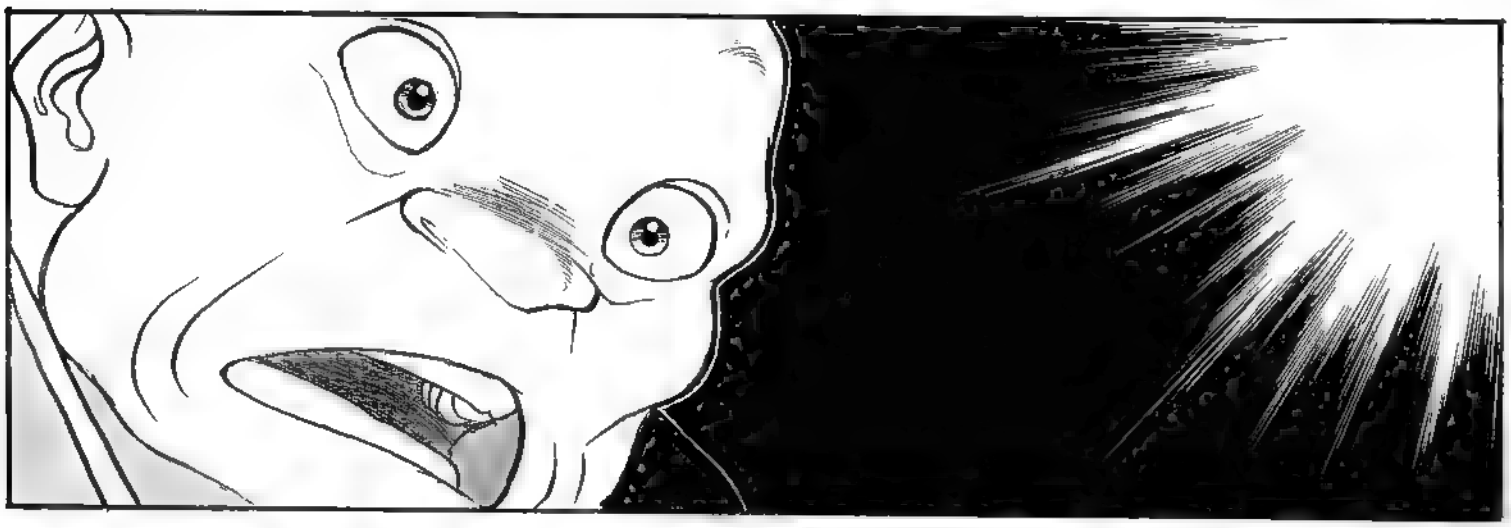
BAM
KYAO-RAAAH!
MOTOBE-RYU JUJUTSU ASST. INSTRUCTOR JUNICHI HANADA
SHINSHINKAI KARATE 3RD DAN KIYOSUMI KATO
*SIGN: WHITE TIGER
*SIGN: BLACK TORTOISE
SHINE
SASH
SASH

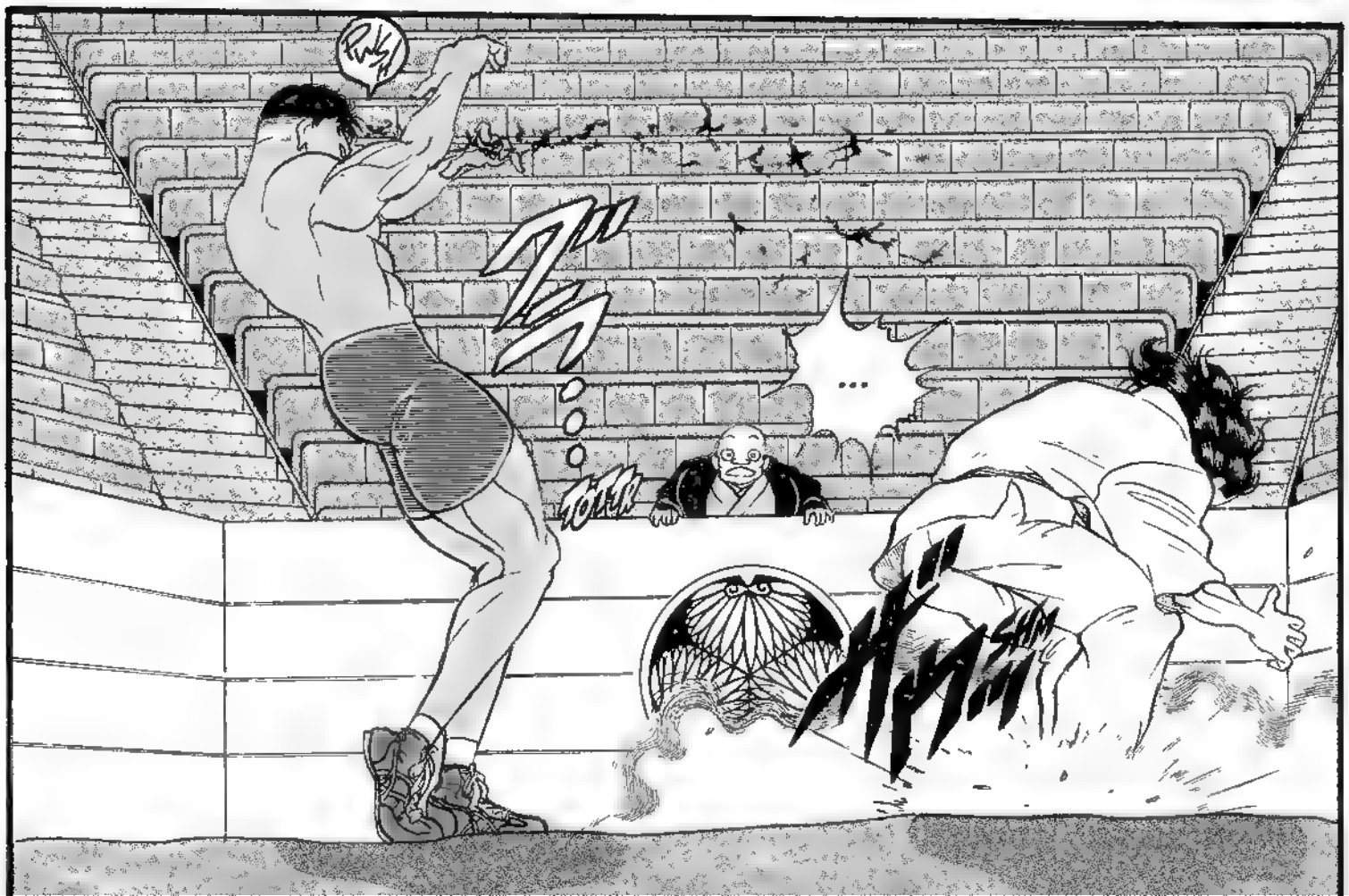
SHAAAA!



WHP

GWGH




PUSH
...
SHM

...

...!

THIS'LL BE OVER IN A SEC!

STICK AROUND, NOBLE ELDER!

KPAK

KPCH...

YEAH... THIS *WILL* BE OVER IN A SEC...

KATO...

I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT ALL THAT, BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT I'M STRONGER THAN *THIS GUY.*

YOU'RE GONNA WANNA SEE THIS, NOBLE ELDER.

RIGHT, NOBLE ELDER?

BAKI AND KATSUMI OROCHI AREN'T THE ONLY FIGHTERS AROUND.

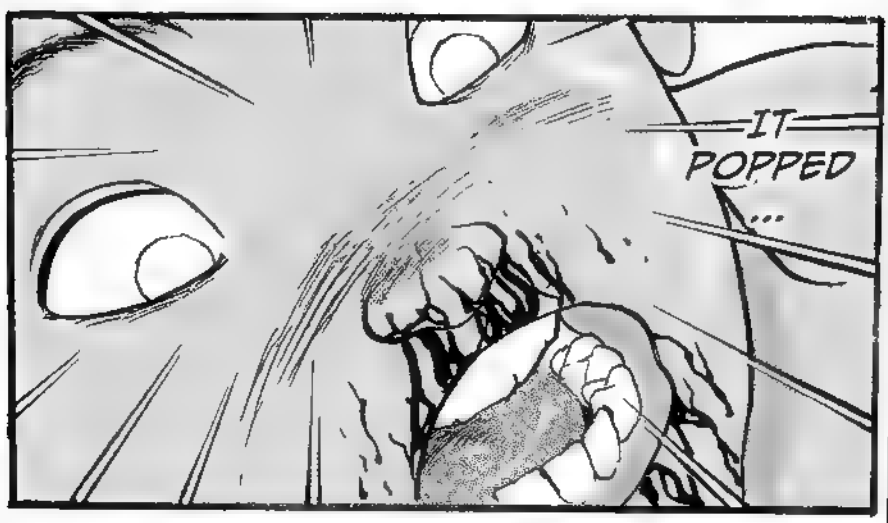
KYORAAH!

BAM BAM BAM

WHP

HE'S GOT IT—

SNOOSH


IT POPPED ...

R-RIGHT IN THE... BALLS...

GWCH...

HA HA... LOOKS LIKE ONE GOT POPPED...

AAH, MAN...

YOU WIN...

GRA-CIOUS ...

GULP

IF YOU'RE ENTERING, YOU BETTER WIN THIS THING, KATO...

IF MY OTHER NUT GETS SMASHED, MARTIAL ARTS WILL BE THE LAST THING I'LL BE CONCERNED ABOUT.

I'M DROPPING OUT.

NO.. I HEARD HAVING ONE NUT MAKES A GUY STRONGER

AH, SHIT I'M NOT GONNA GET IT UP FOR A WHILE

MEME

MEME

CONGRATS ON MAKING IT IN, KATO...

CON...

YOU HEARD WHAT MY PAL JUST SAID, NOBLE ELDER.

NAKAJIMA.
HERE.
HANMA.
NINOMIYA.
HERE.
HERE.
TAKE CARE OF YOUR LOWER BACK. OTHERWISE IT WILL SERIOUSLY IMPACT YOUR ABILITY TO RAISE A FAMILY.
YES... MORE OR LESS...
IS YOUR HERNIA ALL BETTER NOW?
YOU'VE BEEN OUT FOR A WHILE, BAKI.

SATAKE RUSH!

SATAKE RUSH!

TODAY IS THE DAY.

K-1 REVENGE !

COME AT ME LIKE YOU MEAN IT! COME ON!

THE DAY OF THE UNDERGROUND ARENA'S...

C'MON, WE'RE FUND-RAISIN'.

...BATTLE FOR THE BELT!!!

I CAN'T HEAR YOU, KID...

NO, I REALLY DON'T HAVE A SINGLE YEN...

THERE WILL BE MONSTERS...

...FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

!

...BEYOND MY WILDEST IMAGINATION...

I'LL WIN THIS TOURNAMENT...

PHEW!

WELL, THIS SUCKS.

...AND IN THAT INSTANT, I'LL CLIMB...

...TO WHERE YOU ARE!

I AM HERE TO PICK YOU UP, CHAMPION.

BEFORE THAT, MR. MATSUO...

WANT TO RIDE WITH ME, KOZUE?

SOR-RY...

S-S...

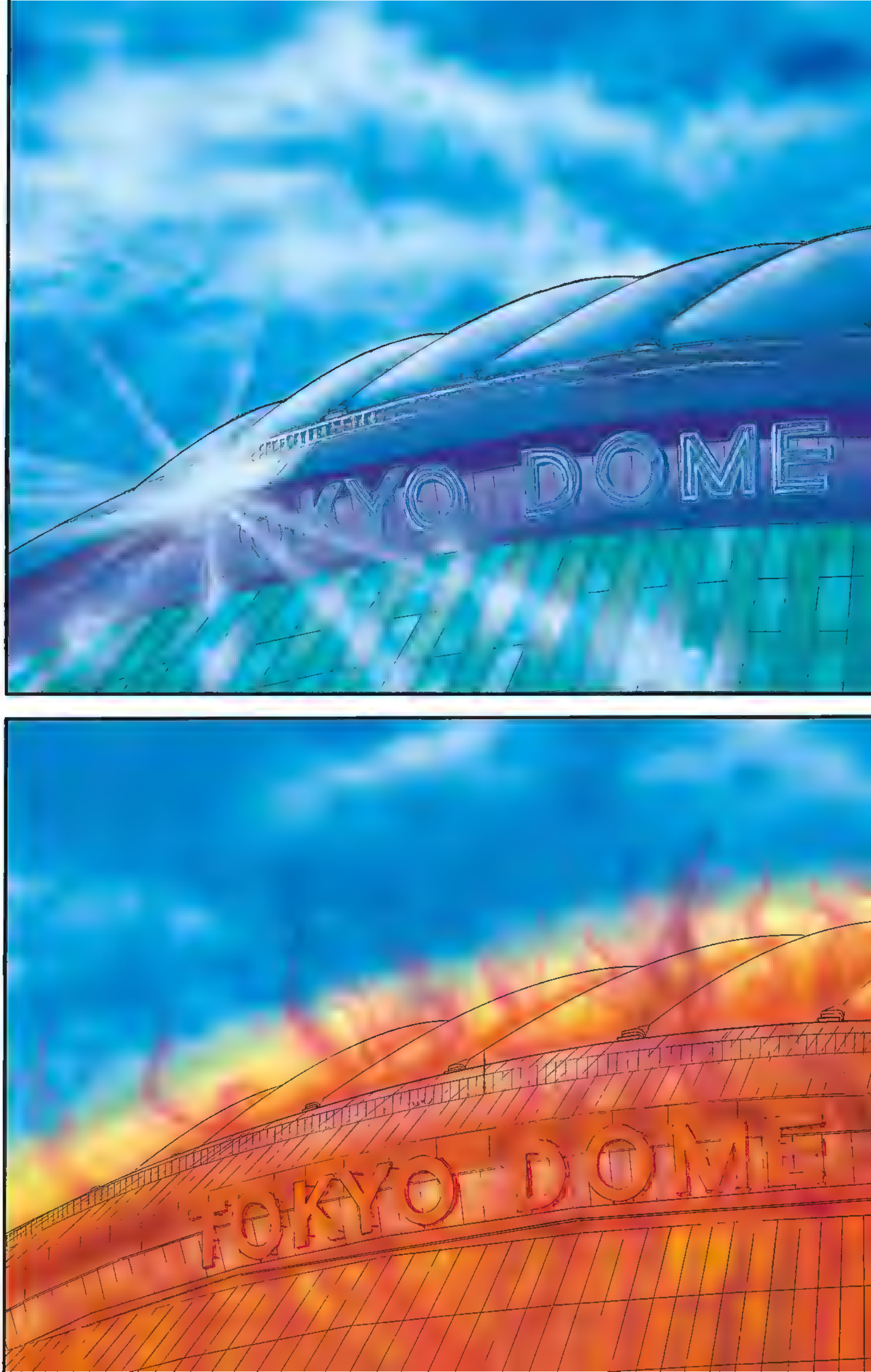
I'LL TELL YOU MORE ABOUT MYSELF.

IT'S FINE. HOP IN.

I'M YOUR... YOU ARE... TO YOU...

AAH...

#185 The Party Has Started!!


TOKYO DOME

...

IT'S BURNING ...

UGH, HE'S GETTING HEAVY ...

PHEW...

SURE IS STRANGE ...

THAT AC IS WORKING, RIGHT?

PHEW, IT *IS* HOT.

IT'S A HOT 'UN.

TOKYO DOME UNDERGROUND FIGHTING ARENA...

THE STRONGEST ON EARTH IN THE BATTLE OF THE BELT!

BAKIIII!

DOPPO-OOO!

ON THE CUSP OF THIS UNPRECEDENTED EVENT, THE RED-HOT EXCITEMENT FROM THE CROWD OF SECRETLY-SELECTED SPECTATORS HAS ALMOST REACHED THE BOILING POINT!

THE SIXTH.

WHAT FLOOR OF THE BASEMENT IS THIS?

BAKI.

...?
THE TOKYO DOME'S BASEMENT IS ONLY SUPPOSED TO GO TWO FLOORS DOWN...

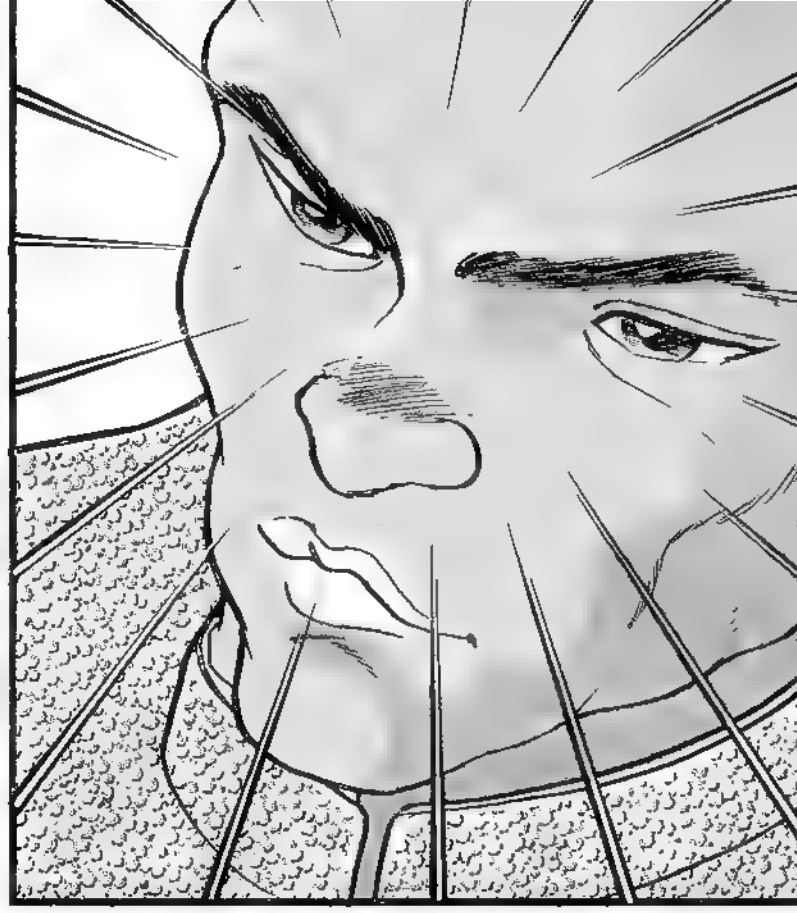
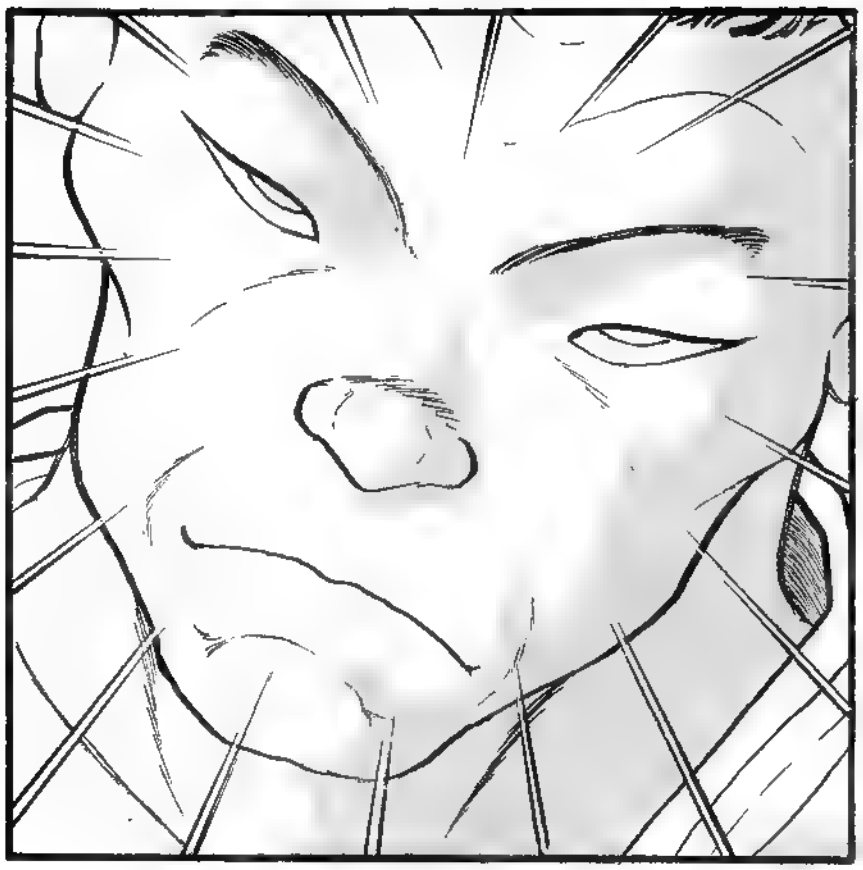
CH-CHAMPION ?!?!

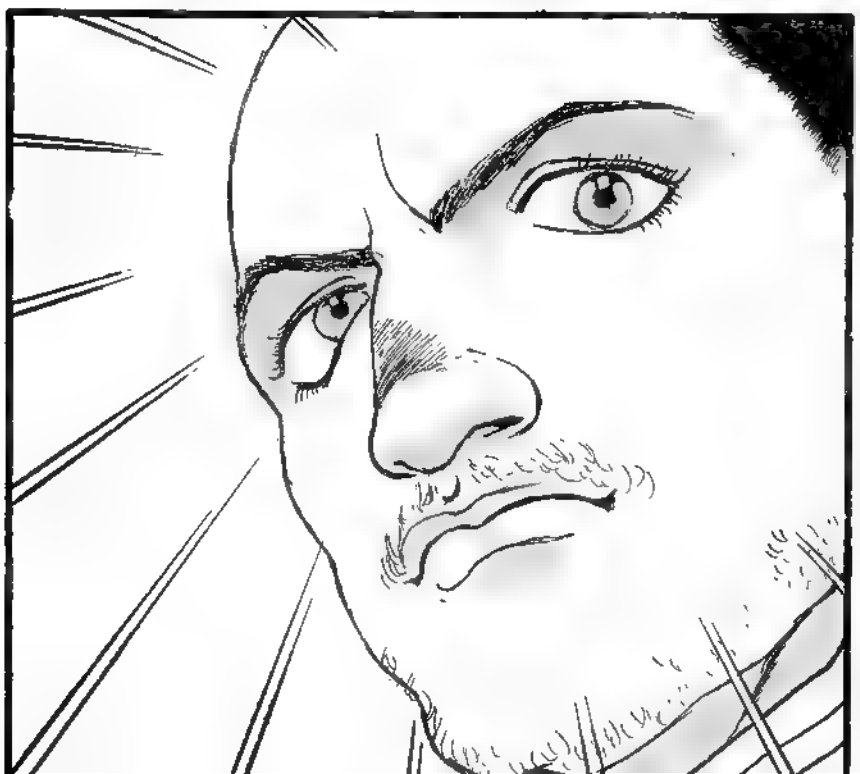
WE HAVE BEEN EXPECTING YOU, CHAMPION.

HEY, HOW'S IT GOING?

YOU ARE THE VERY LAST TO ARRIVE, MASTER BAKI.

I SEE YOU'RE AS CONFIDENT AS EXPECTED, CHAMP.



WOOOO! DANG...

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE ...?

WHA ...?

TAEKWON-DO

CHAL-LENGERS ...?

CH...

THEY'RE CHALLENGERS.

YUP.

A-AGAINST YOU...?

WHO IN THE WORLD ARE YOU—
UM...
NOW, LET'S SEE...
...WHERE CAN I CHANGE?
BAKI.

OOOH, MR. SHINOGI!

HE H

YOU BROUGHT YOUR GIRLFRIEND... I SUPPOSE THAT'S A CHAMPION'S CONFIDENCE FOR YOU.

PLEASE DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA.

IN ANY CASE...

HOWEVER, MY MATCH WITH YOU WAS MERELY A STEPPING STONE.

...I'VE LEARNED A LOT FROM YOU, BAKI.

SHINOGI-RYU HAS REACHED EVEN GREATER HEIGHTS.

I'VE CONQUERED MY FLAWS.

OH, IS THAT SO?

HANMA, M'BOY.

AWESOME, AIN'T HE?

I HOPE I'M MATCHED UP AGAINST YOU.

MR. TOBA, YOU'RE ENTERING?!

YES, BUT JUST AS A POTENTIAL SUB.

IF ANYONE DROPS OUT DUE TO INJURY, LEAVE IT TO ME.

おっ!!

!
QUIT STANDING IN THE WAY...
KAMAN

...

...RUNT.

MOVE IT...

HULKAMANIA

YOU'RE LUCKY ...

YOU CAUGHT ME IN A REALLY GOOD MOOD.

THAT'S 'CAUSE...

...FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I CAN USE MY FULL STRENGTH!

CRASH

...WHAT THE HELL WILL HAPPEN !!!

NOT EVEN I KNOW ...

IT IS ALMOST TIME TO ENTER THE ARENA!
ALL COMPETITORS, PLEASE GET READY!
WOOOO

THE HEAT HAS NOW FULLY REACHED THE BOILING POINT!!!
TOKU-GAWAAAA!
NOBLE ELDERRR!
MR. MITSU-NARIIIII!
ELDER-RRR!
MICCHA-AAAN!

SNIFF SNIFF∞

MICCHAN, I LOVE YOU!

DO YOU WANNA SEE THE STRONGEST MEN ON EARTH?!

YEAAAAAAAAAH!!!

SO DO I, EVERY-ONE!!

WELL, SO DO I!

INTRODUCING OUR FIGHTERS!!!

BRING IN OUR FIGHTERS !!!

THE TIGER SLAYER LIVES!!! WITH HIS CRAFT HONED EVEN FURTHER, THE HUMAN WEAPON IS BACK!!!

IT'S DOPPO OROCHI !!!

THE GOD OF MARTIAL ARTS!

本部神心

FAH

NIPPON KEMPO'S OWN, BUNNOSHIN INAGI!

"MIXED MARTIAL ARTS HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY OUR HANDS!"

OLYMPIC AMATEUR WRESTLING REP, ROGER HARLON!!!

"ONCE WE GET GRAPPLING, I'LL THROW YOU ALL OVER THE MAT!"

BARE KNUCKLE MUAY THAI, MUAY KAAD CHUEK FIGHTER, JAGATTA SHERMAN !!!

"WHEN IT COMES TO BARE KNUCKLE BRAWLING, OUR HISTORY SAYS IT ALL."

THE IRON FIST OF PANAMA, RABERTO GUERAN !!!

"I'VE CONQUERED THREE CLASSES, BUT IN A BRAWL, EVERY CLASS IS MINE!"

SHORINJI KEMPO'S OWN, KENGO MISAKI !!!

"I INTEND TO LET TRUE SELF-DEFENSE BE KNOWN!"

THE WRESTLING GOD IS HERE! ROLAND ISTAZ!!!

"THE BEST DEFENSE AGAINST ALL MARTIAL ARTS LIES WITHIN ME!!!"

...ALL-JAPAN JUDO'S OWN KOHEI HATANAKA !!!

HE'S KNOWN FOR HIS PERFECT COUNTERS AGAINST ALL STRIKES...!

BRAZIL'S PURE FIGHTER, ZULU!!!

IN VALE TUDO, HE STRIKES FEAR IN HEARTS!

"I'LL SHOW YA WHAT BIKER BRAWLING'S ALL ABOUT!" KAMIKAZE CAPTAIN, CHIHARU SHIBA!!!

"WHEN IT COMES TO ONE-ON-ONE, NO ONE'S GOT MY NUMBER!"

"I'LL SHOW YOU PRO BRAWLING!" RICHARD FILTH!!!

"I BECAME A BOUNCER BECAUSE I WANTED TO BRAWL WITHOUT RULES!"

TAEKWONDO FIGHTER, MOKO LI!!!

THE KOREAN MARINES HAVE SENT IN THEIR BLAZING TIGER!!!

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT WE'D SEE THIS MAN HERE?! IT'S IRON MICHAEL!!!

THE WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP IS SYNONYMOUS WITH "STRONGEST ON EARTH!"

THE MASTER'S SECRET TECHNIQUES WILL ERUPT IN ACTUAL COMBAT!

HE PLANS TO BE BURIED WITH THE CHAMPION-SHIP BELT!

SHIBUKAWA-RYU JUJUTSU'S SENSEI, GOKI SHIBUKAWA !!!

THE FAMOUS MUAY THAI FIGHTER, DENTORANEE JITPIKA!!!

"WE AREN'T JUST THE STRONGEST IN STAND-UP FIGHTING. WE'RE THE STRONGEST IN ALL MARTIAL ARTS!"

CANADIAN PITFIGHTER, JACK HAMMER!!!

"I CAME ALL THE WAY HERE BECAUSE I WANT TO FIGHT!" BESIDES THAT, HE'S A COMPLETE MYSTERY !!!

HE'S 2.40 METERS AND 310 KILOS OF MAN!!! ANDREAS REGAN!!!

HE'S HUUUUGE! NO NEED FOR INTRODUC-TIONS!

"IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE WHO CAN AMAZE ME?!" SERGIO SILVA!!!

"THE HOME OF JIU-JITSU IS NOW IN BRAZIL!"

SUPER PRACTICAL JUJUTSU!! FROM THE STYLE'S BIRTHPLACE, JAPAN, IT'S IZO MOTOBE!!!

"JUJUTSU IS BEST DEMONSTRATED IN ACTUAL COMBAT!!!"

THE UNDISPUTED CHAMPION OF KICKBOXING, ROB ROBINSON !!!

"THE BELT IS MINE! ANYONE IN MY WAY GETS PUNCHED AND KICKED TO HELL!"

THE CORD-CUTTER, KOSHO SHINOGI, IS BACK !!!

REFINING SHINOGI-RYU TO EVEN GREATER HEIGHTS!

SAMBO ALL-RUSSIAN CHAMP, SERGEI TAKTAROV !!!

"I'VE COME TO JAPAN TO TEST MYSELF!"

FROM HONG KONG, KAIO RETSU !!!

FOUR THOUSAND YEARS OF CHINESE MARTIAL TECHNIQUES SHALL BE UNVEILED!

SHOOT WRESTLER, MINORU YAMAMOTO !!!

"I HAVE NO BLIND SPOTS NOW!"

THE BURNING SPIRIT OF FIGHTING, NOW COMPETING UNDER HIS REAL NAME, KANJI IGARI!

"I'M ALWAYS IN MY PRIME IN FRONT OF THE FANS!"

HE HEALS AND HURTS AT A WHIM!!! KUREHA SHINOGI!!!

HAS THIS DOCTOR FORGOTTEN ABOUT HIS DAY JOB?! HIS FLAME AS A FIGHTER HAS YET TO GO OUT!

WORLD GYM

SHINSHINKAI'S DANGEROUS LION, KIYOSUMI KATO !!!

PRACTICAL KARATE HONED IN THE SEEDY UNDER-WORLD!!!

THE HINOSHITA KAISAN! KINRYUZAN IS HERE WITH US!!!

"A YOKOZUNA DOESN'T NEED A REASON TO BE STRONG! IT'S JUST MY NATURE!"

"KEEP IT A SECRET FROM THE SUMO ASSOCIA-TION!"

SKIP

"WATCH IT LIVE AND BE AMAZED!" THE IRONMAN OF NEW YORK! MIKE QUINN!!!

"I'M GONNA SHOW YOU A SUPER TOP-CLASS WRESTLER'S SUPER TOP-CLASS BRAWLING!"

THE AMAZING A-CLASS BRAWLER, KAORU HANAYAMA !!!

YOU CAN'T HAVE A REAL BRAWL WITHOUT THIS MAN!!!

THE YOUNG CHAMPION HAS RETURNED!

THE TRUMP CARD OF SHINSHIN-KAI! KATSUMI OROCHI !!!

THIS MAN HAS PERFECTED THE ART OF KARATE!

本部神心

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, CHAMP ?!

WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!!!

BAKI
HANMA
IS HERE
!!!

BAKI!

BAKI!

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE ANY OF THIS?

I'M DREAMING ...

THE BATTLE FOR THE BELT WILL BE DECIDED BY THESE THIRTY-TWO COMPETITORS !!!
白虎
AND THAT'S OUR LINE UP!
武

WE ALSO HAVE PREPARED FOUR SUPER DELUXE ALTERNATES IN CASE ANY ONE OF OUR COMPETITORS IS INJURED!!!

THE GIANT OF THE ORIENT, MOUNT TOBA!!!

TRADITIONAL KARATE FIGHTER, TAKUJI KURIKI!!!

CAPOEIRA FIGHTER, FRANCIS XAVIER!!!

THANK YOOOOU!

THANK YOOOU!

...BUT WE WILL INTRODUCE HIM AS SOON AS HE ARRIVES!!!

IT SEEMS THAT THE LAST ONE IS RUNNING LATE...

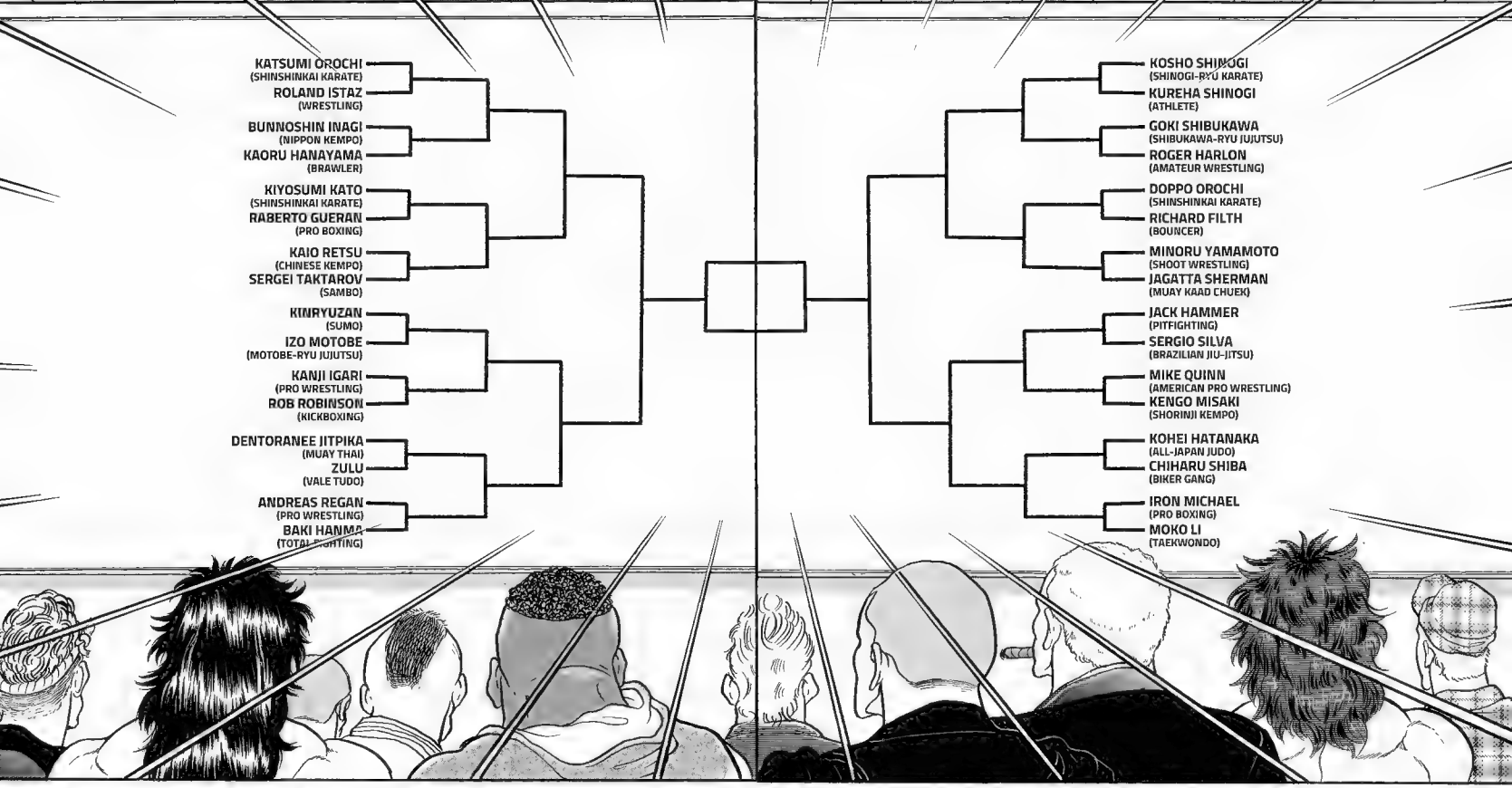
...!

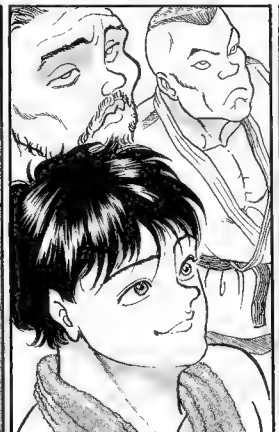
THANK YOOOU!

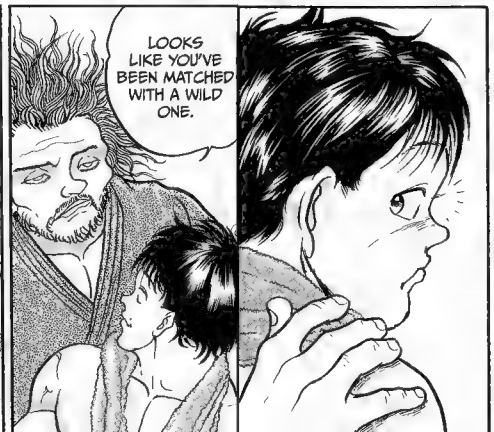
YOU'RE THE BEEEST!

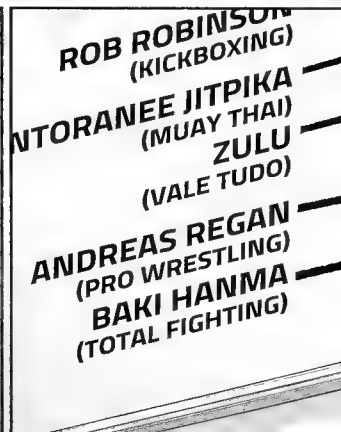
THANK YOOOU!

THANK YOOOU!


KATSUMI OROCHI
(SHINSHINKAI KARATE)
ROLAND ISTAZ
(WRESTLING)
BUNNOSHIN INAGI
(NIPPON KEMPO)
KAORU HANAYAMA
(BRAWLER)
KIYOSUMI KATO
(SHINSHINKAI KARATE)
RABERTO GUERAN
(PRO BOXING)
KAIO RETSU
(CHINESE KEMPO)
SERGEI TAKTAROV
(SAMBO)
KINRYUZAN
(SUMO)
IZO MOTOBE
(MOTOBE-RYU JUJUTSU)
KANJI IGARI
(PRO WRESTLING)
ROB ROBINSON
(KICKBOXING)
DENTORANEE JITPIKA
(MUAY THAI)
ZULU
(VALE TUDO)
ANDREAS REGAN
(PRO WRESTLING)
BAKI HANMA
(TOTAL FIGHTING)
KOSHO SHINOGI
(SHINOGI-RYU KARATE)
KUREHA SHINOGI
(ATHLETE)
GOKI SHIBUKAWA
(SHIBUKAWA-RYU JUJUTSU)
ROGER HARLON
(AMATEUR WRESTLING)
DOPPO OROCHI
(SHINSHINKAI KARATE)
RICHARD FILTH
(BOUNCER)
MINORU YAMAMOTO
(SHOOT WRESTLING)
JAGATTA SHERMAN
(MUAY KAAD CHUEK)
JACK HAMMER
(PITFIGHTING)
SERGIO SILVA
(BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU)
MIKE QUINN
(AMERICAN PRO WRESTLING)
KENGO MISAKI
(SHORINJI KEMPO)
KOHEI HATANAKA
(ALL-JAPAN JUDO)
CHIHARU SHIBA
(BIKER GANG)
IRON MICHAEL
(PRO BOXING)
MOKO LI
(TAEKWONDO)




LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN MATCHED WITH A WILD ONE.


ROB ROBINSON
(KICKBOXING)
NTORANEE JITPIKA
(MUAY THAI)
ZULU
(VALE TUDO)
ANDREAS REGAN
(PRO WRESTLING)
BAKI HANMA
(TOTAL FIGHTING)

240 CM, 310 KILOS!!!

FROM BLACK TORTOISE (NORTH)! ANDREAS REGAN!

SHUM

...!

WHITE TIGER (WEST)! BAKI HANMA!
167 CM, 71 KILOS!!!
TO THE CENTER!
THIS IS NOT FAIR!
ASIDE FROM THE USE OF WEAPONS, ANYTHING IS ALLOWED.
TMP
TMP
TMP

I'VE HEARD *YOU'RE* THE CHAMPION HERE, HUH?

USE YOUR LEGS, BAKI!

...

YOU *KNOW* WHAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN, DON'CHA?

THAT'S A HELL OF A FACE.

SHOULD I OFFER HIM... TO MOM?

DON'T GET CAUGHT, BAKI!!!!!

THIS GUY...

TO YOUR STARTING POSITIONS!

BEGIN!

DOOMF

I'LL BARELY BREAK A SWEAT AGAINST THIS KID...

I'LL FINISH THIS IN TEN SECONDS!!!

SHOOT

HE CHARGED RIGHT AT HIM!!!

WHOOSH

!

YOU ...

PSH

I-I REALLY FELT THAT...

TWAP

I'M GOING STRAIGHT...
...TO THE TOP!!!...

#186 Baki vs. The Supergiant

DOR YAAH
WHSH
チギッ / SKR

OH...!

OOH!

竜

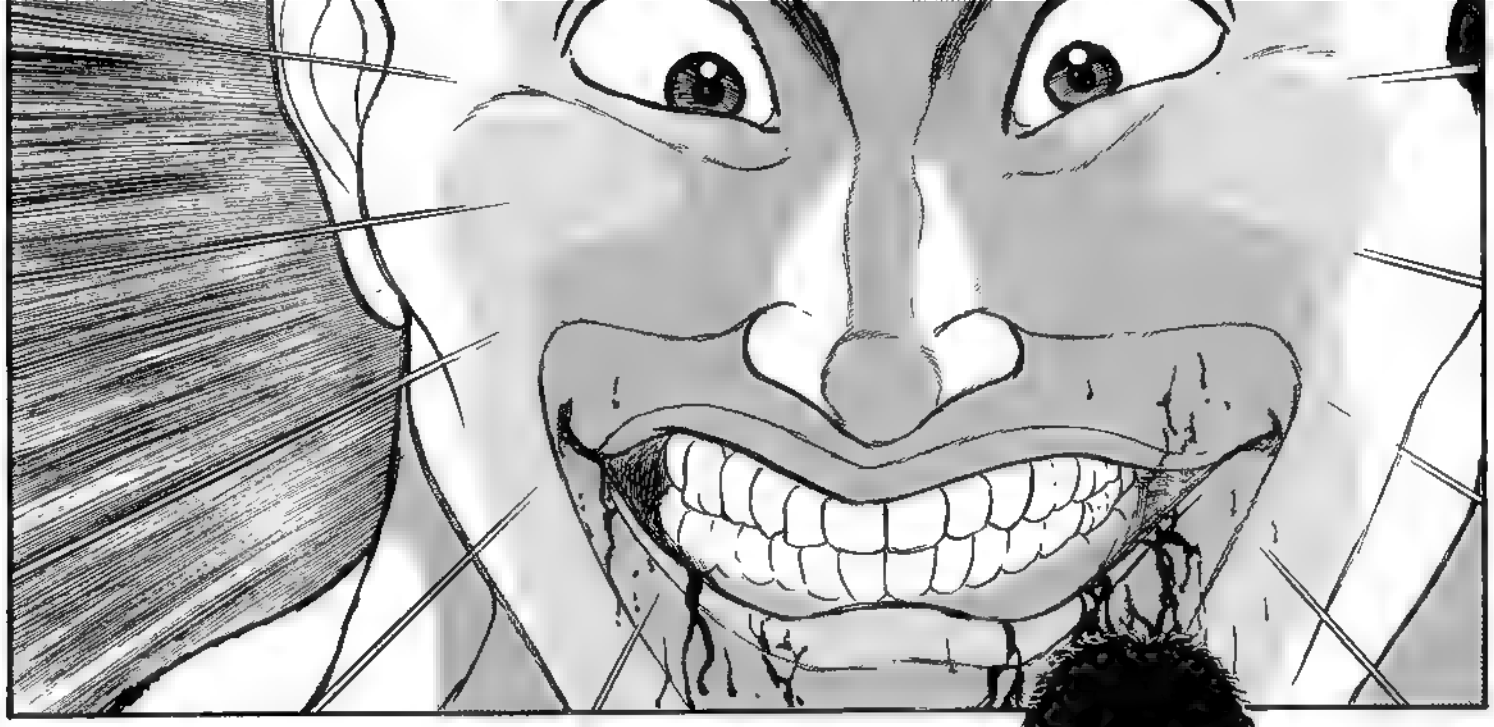
RIGHT FROM THE FRONT...

COME AT ME.

...!

...THIS WAY, YOU WON'T REGRET ANYTHING.

THAT'S BAKI HANMA IN A NUTSHELL.
虎
AN OUT-BOXER CHALLENGING A FIGHTER TO A FIST FIGHT.
...
TH-THAT IDIOT...
玄武



YOU'RE ONE HELLUVA FIGHTER, BOY...
...!

...TO NEVER USE MY FULL STRENGTH...

I'VE BEEN TOLD EVER SINCE I WAS A KID...

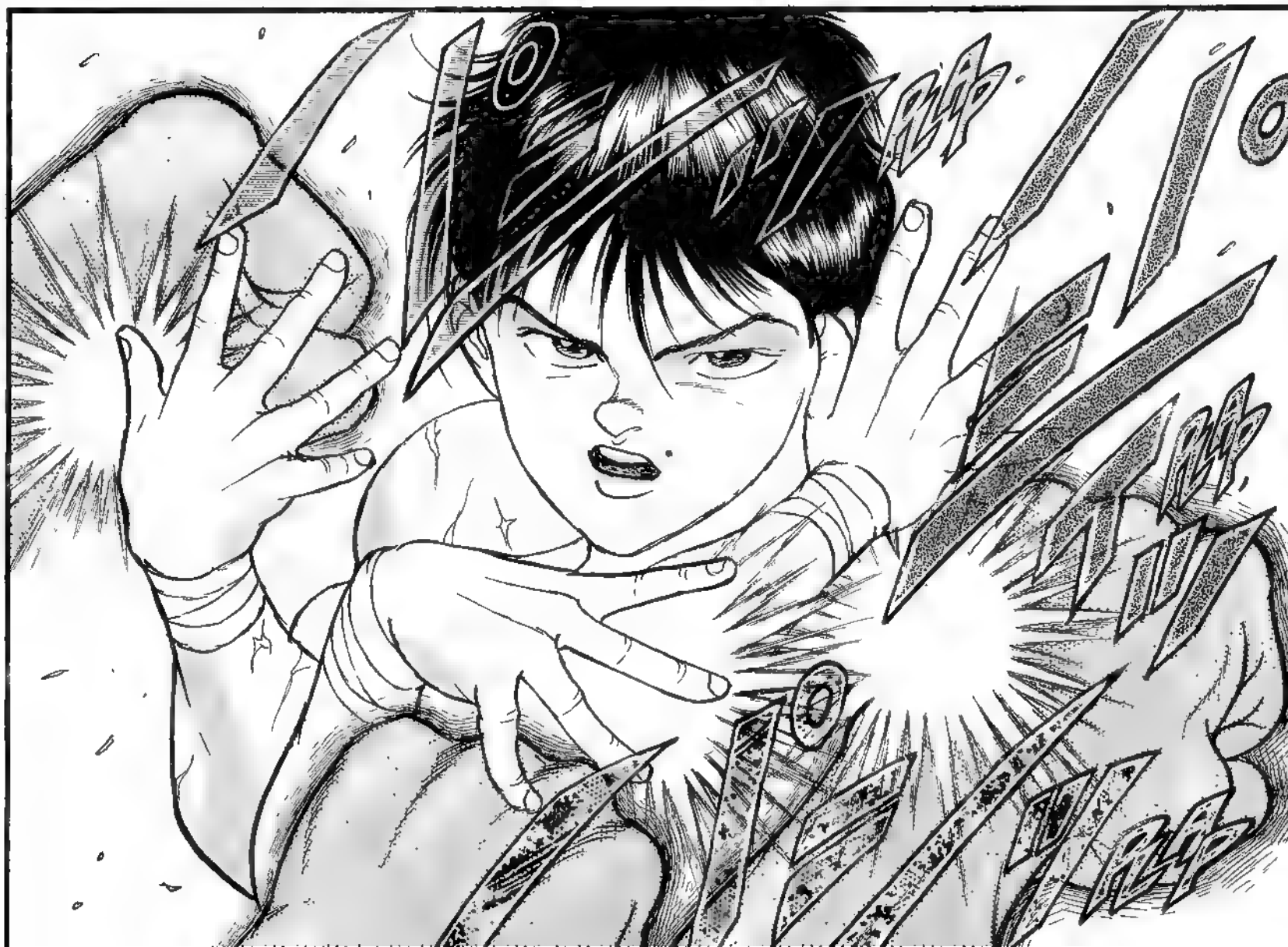
BUT YOU...

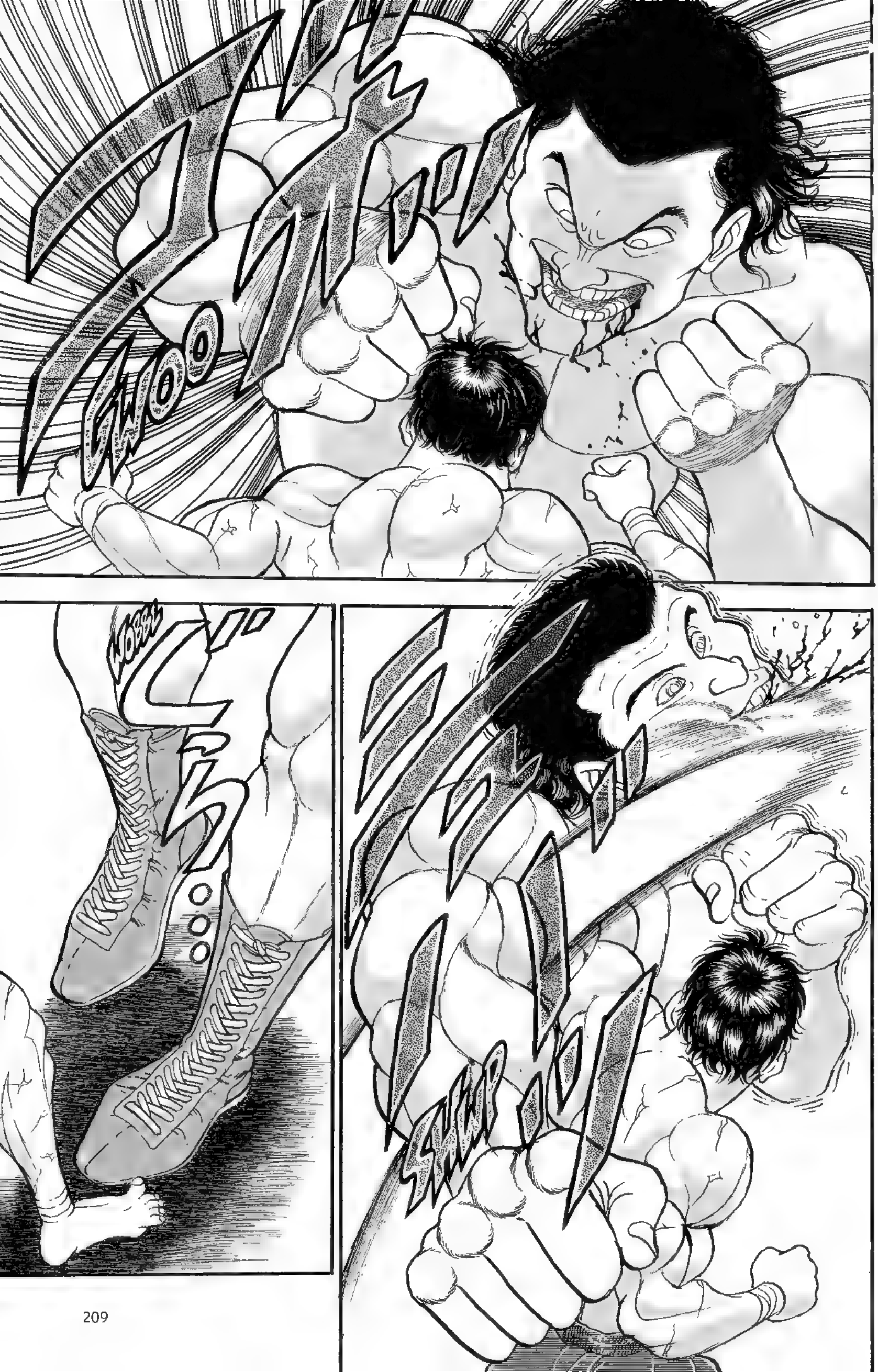
IN THE PRO WRESTLING WORLD... I WAS-NEVER ALLOWED TO GO *ALL OUT!*

IN THE BOXING WORLD...

HE'S FAST ...!

...I RESPECT YOU !!!



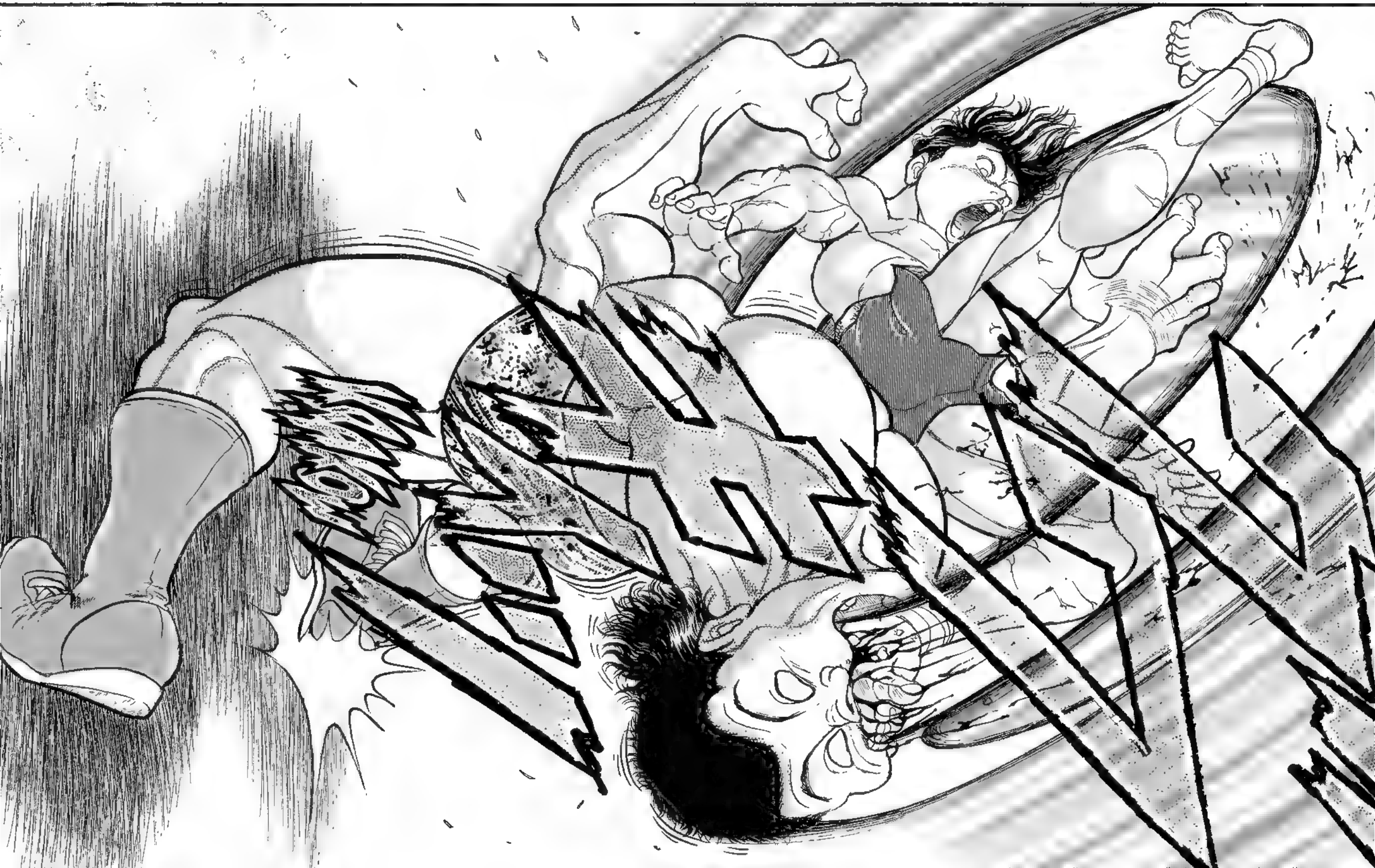

GWOO
WOBBL

H-HE'S FEELING IT!

H-HE'S STRONG!
GRAP

I'M GONNA LOSE ...?!

I'M...



ドオオオオオ
DWOOOO
白虎

THE MATCH IS OVER!!!

I-IS THAT REALLY THE SAME BAKI THAT I KNOW?

I SEEE YOU'RE SMITTEN, DAD.

WOO, NOW THAT'S A NICE WIN.

...KINDA GOOD.

THIS FEELS...

FIRST ROUND,
SECOND MATCH!!!

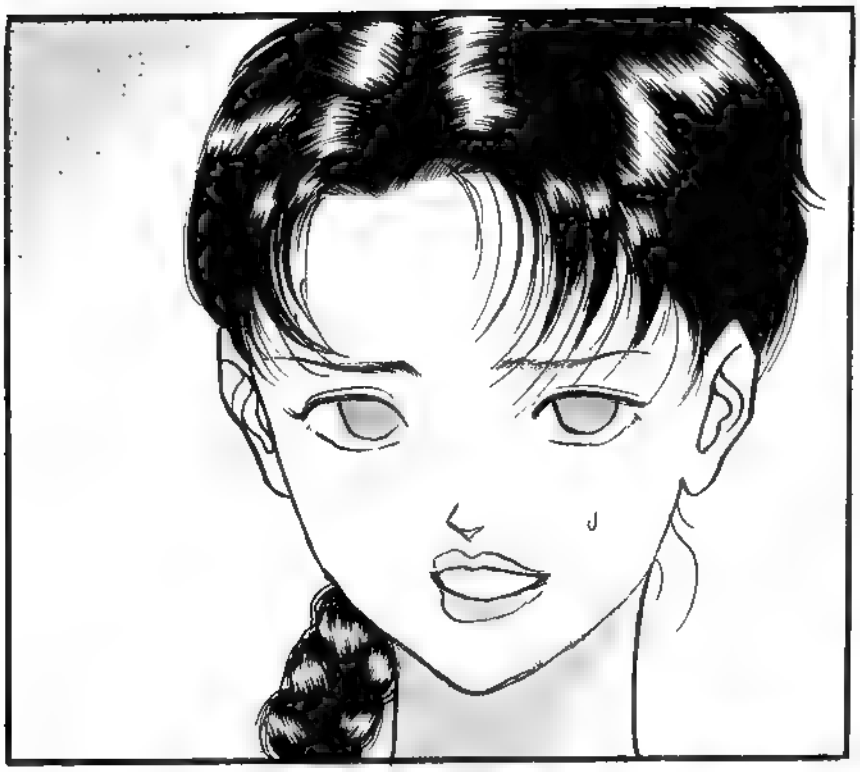
WHITE TIGER! DENTORANEE JITPIKA!!!

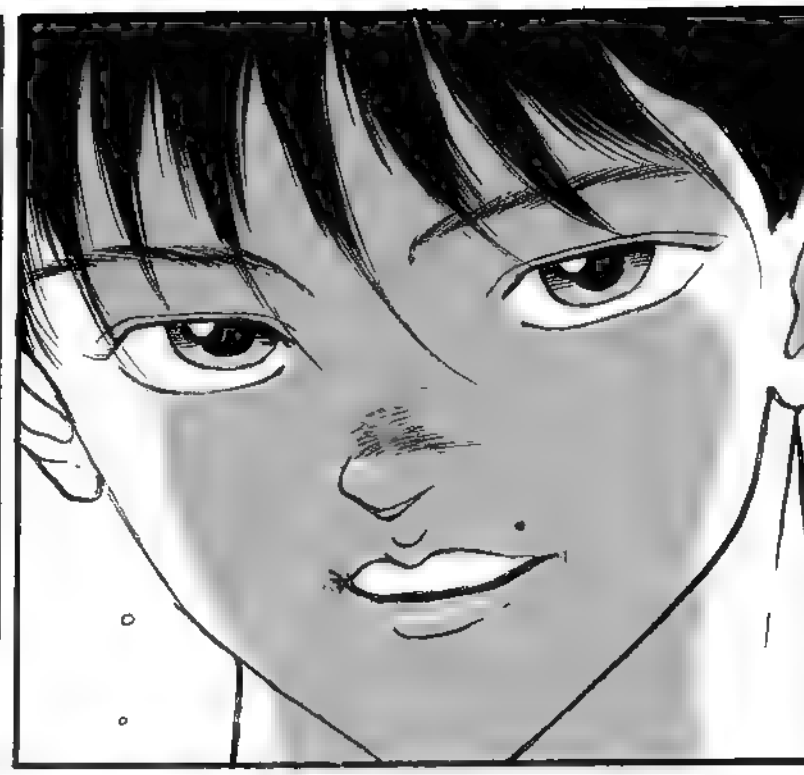
BLACK TORTOISE! ZULU!!!

HEY...

#187 Dream Chasers!!

C-CONGRA-
TULATIONS
FOR MAKING
IT OUT...
...OF
THE FIRST
ROUND.





I'M SHOCKED ...

I...

THAT'S SOME-THING...
...AND IT MAKES ME REALIZE HOW NAIVE I REALLY AM.
THERE'S SO MUCH IN THE WORLD THAT I'M STILL POSITIVELY CLUELESS ABOUT...

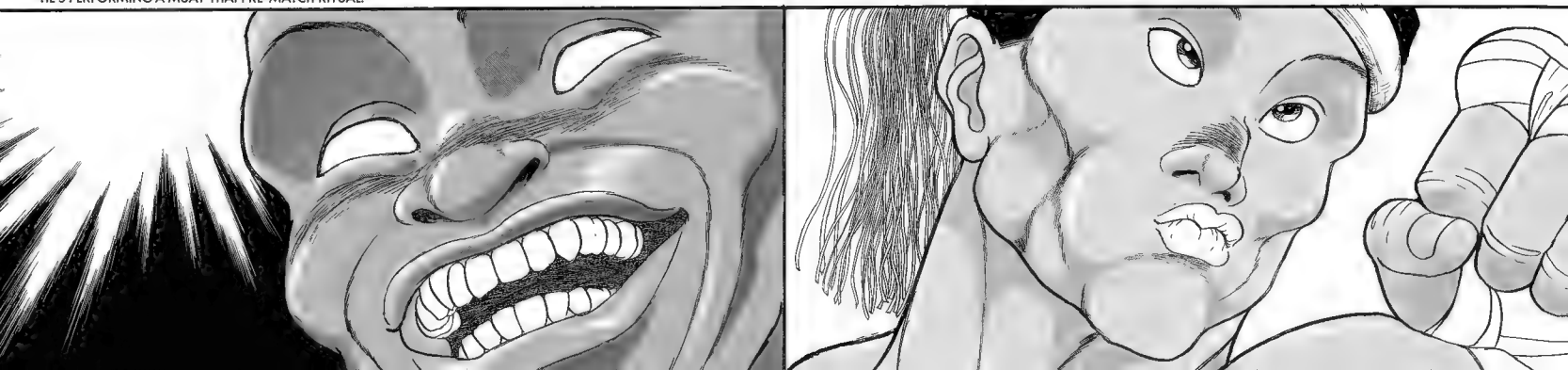
THAT'S SOMETHING I LIKE...

PUTTING TWO MEN IN A ROW...

...AND ASKING WHICH OF THEM IS STRONGER, THAT IS.

W-WHY DID YOU SHOW THIS TO ME?

*HE'S PERFORMING A MUAY THAI PRE-MATCH RITUAL.



...DREAMS OF BEING THE STRONGEST ON EARTH, AT LEAST ONCE IN THEIR LIVES.

YOU SEE, EVERY MAN...

...BUT EVERY-ONE DOES IT.

HOW OFTEN THEY DO VARIES...

...

WHEN THEY LOSE A FIGHT TO THEIR BROTHER, WHEN THEY RUN INTO THE TOUGH KID ON THE BLOCK, WHEN THEY LEARN THE STING OF THEIR DAD BOPPING THEM ON THE HEAD...

BUT EVERYBODY GIVES UP AT SOME POINT.

NO WAY...

...

BUT...

99.99999 PERCENT OF PEOPLE END UP MOVING ON TO OTHER DREAMS.

THERE'S A SELECT HANDFUL OF PEOPLE WHO REFUSE TO GIVE UP ON THIS DREAM EVEN INTO ADULTHOOD, NO MATTER WHAT AND NO MATTER WHO THEY RUN INTO.

AS RIDICULOUS AS IT MAY SEEM...

BEGIN!

TUN

...THE FIGHTERS ASSEMBLED HERE TODAY...

...!

...ARE ALL...

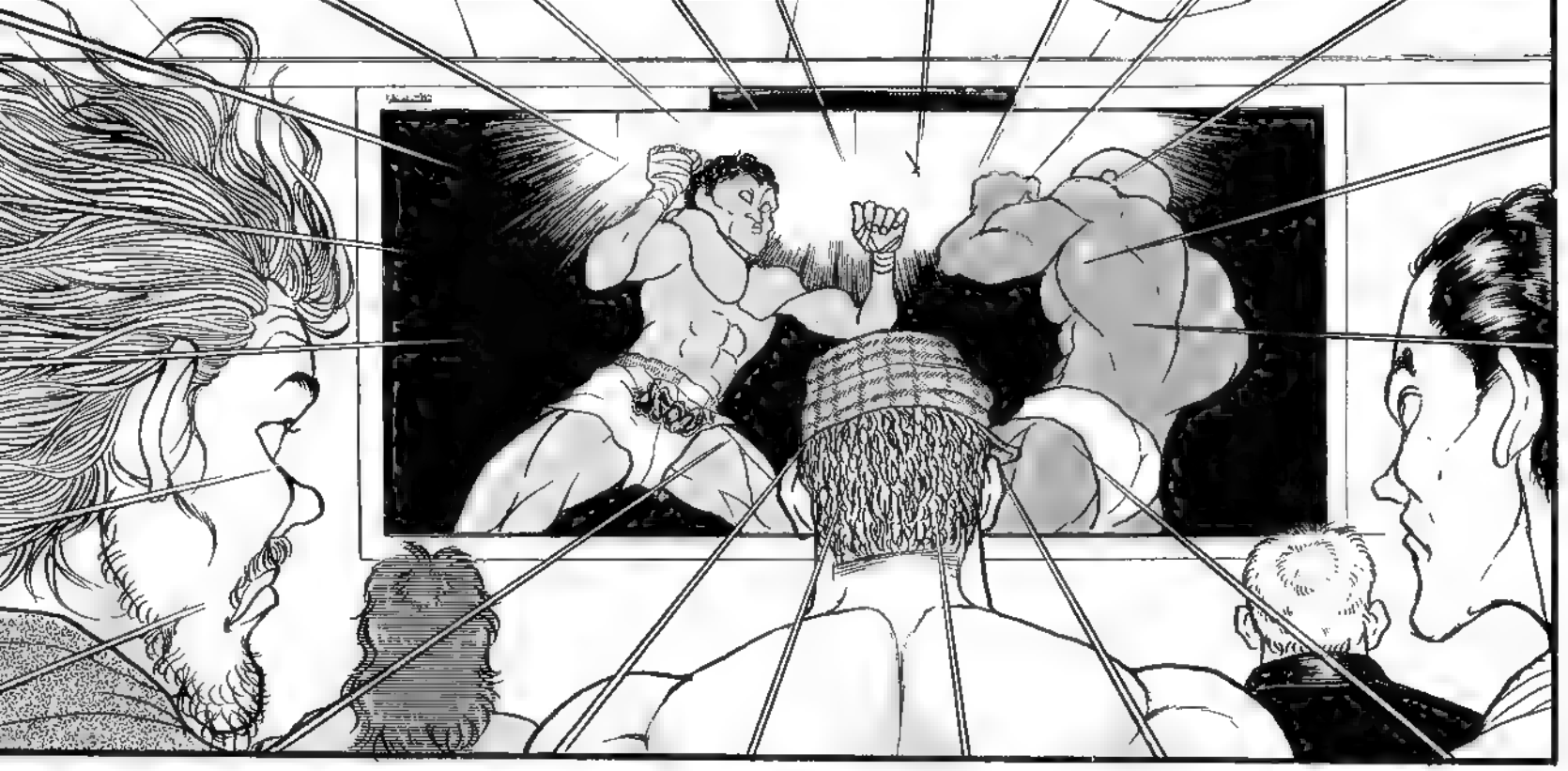
...MEN WHO STILL HAVE THAT DREAM.

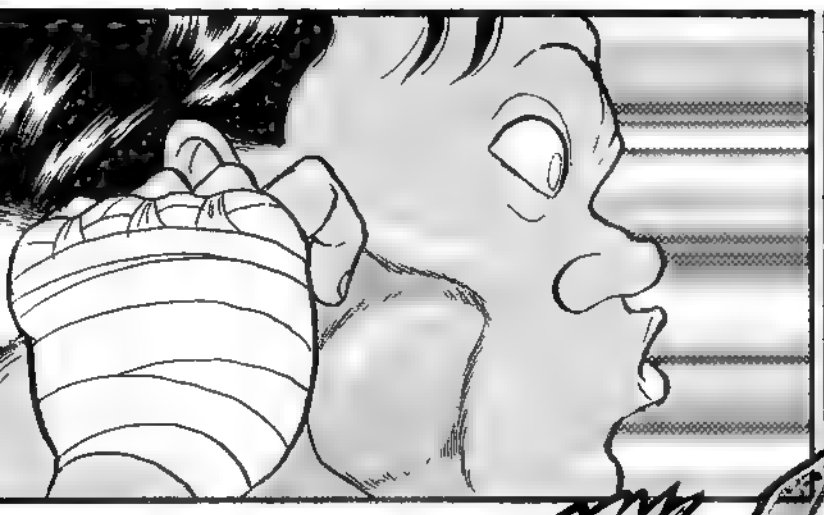
YAMMR

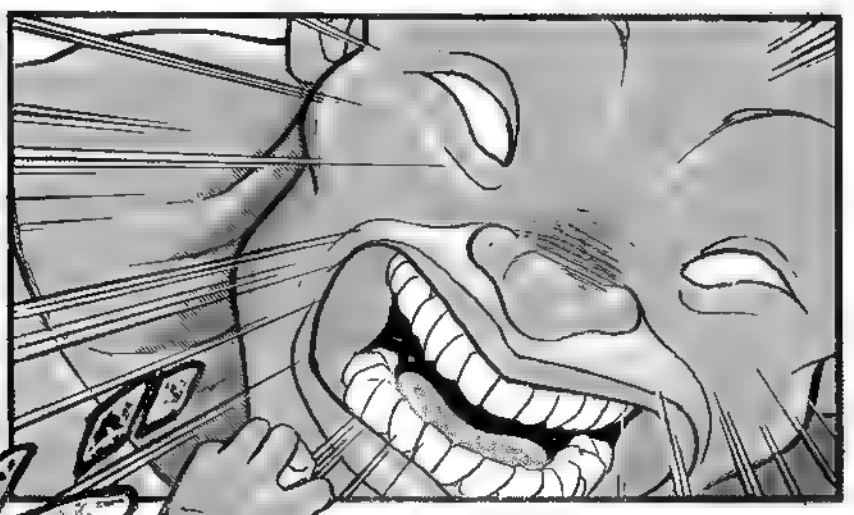
YAMMR

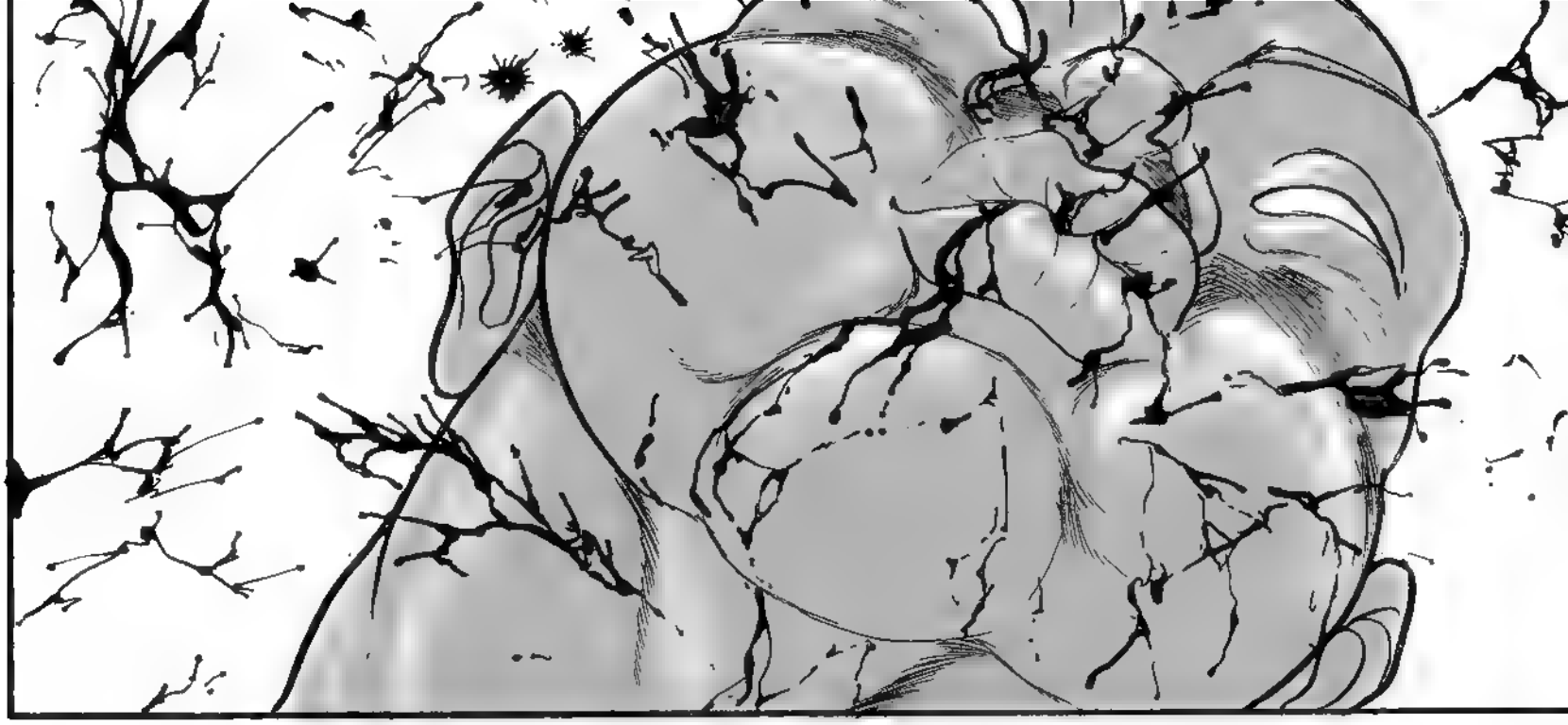
YAMMR

YAMMR

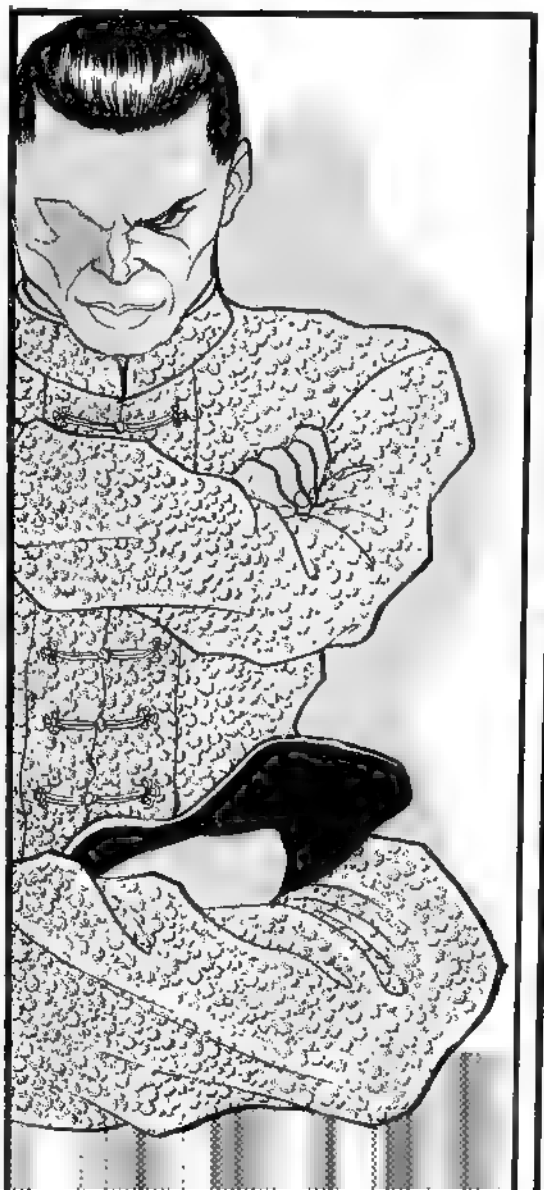








WHERE'D THAT DAMN BAKI GO?
YEAH, HE'S DONE FOR.
HA HA HA.
HE ISN'T GONNA LAST...



I HEARD THAT A *LONG, LONG* TIME AGO, YOU WERE THE WORLD'S GREATEST MARTIAL ARTIST?

HEY, OLD TIMER.

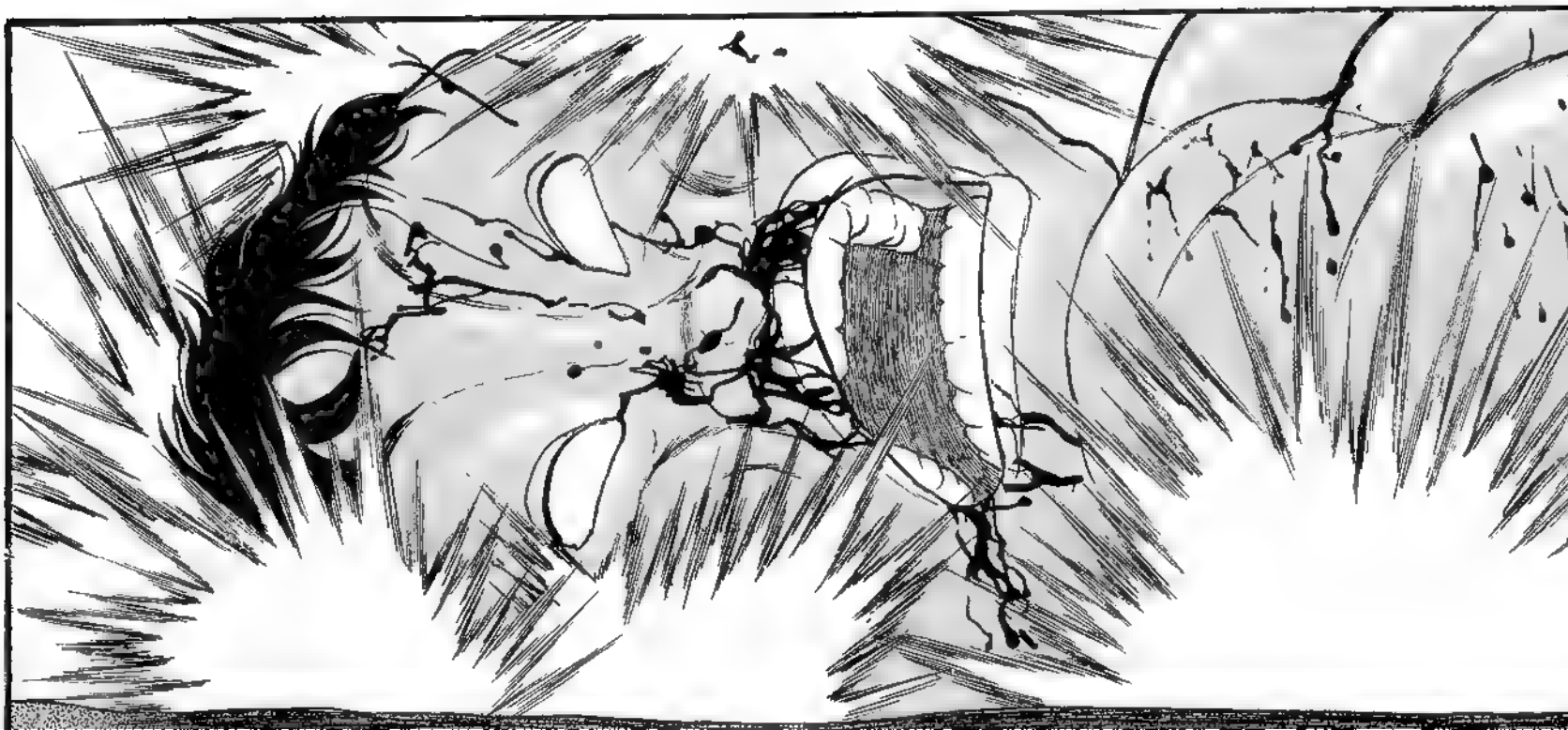
SHAKURI

HOLLAND

YOU *DO* KNOW WE'RE NOT PRO WRESTLING TODAY, RIGHT?

...!
KYAAH!

BASH
BASH
BASH



THE MATCH IS OVER!

I SAID THE MATCH IS OVER!

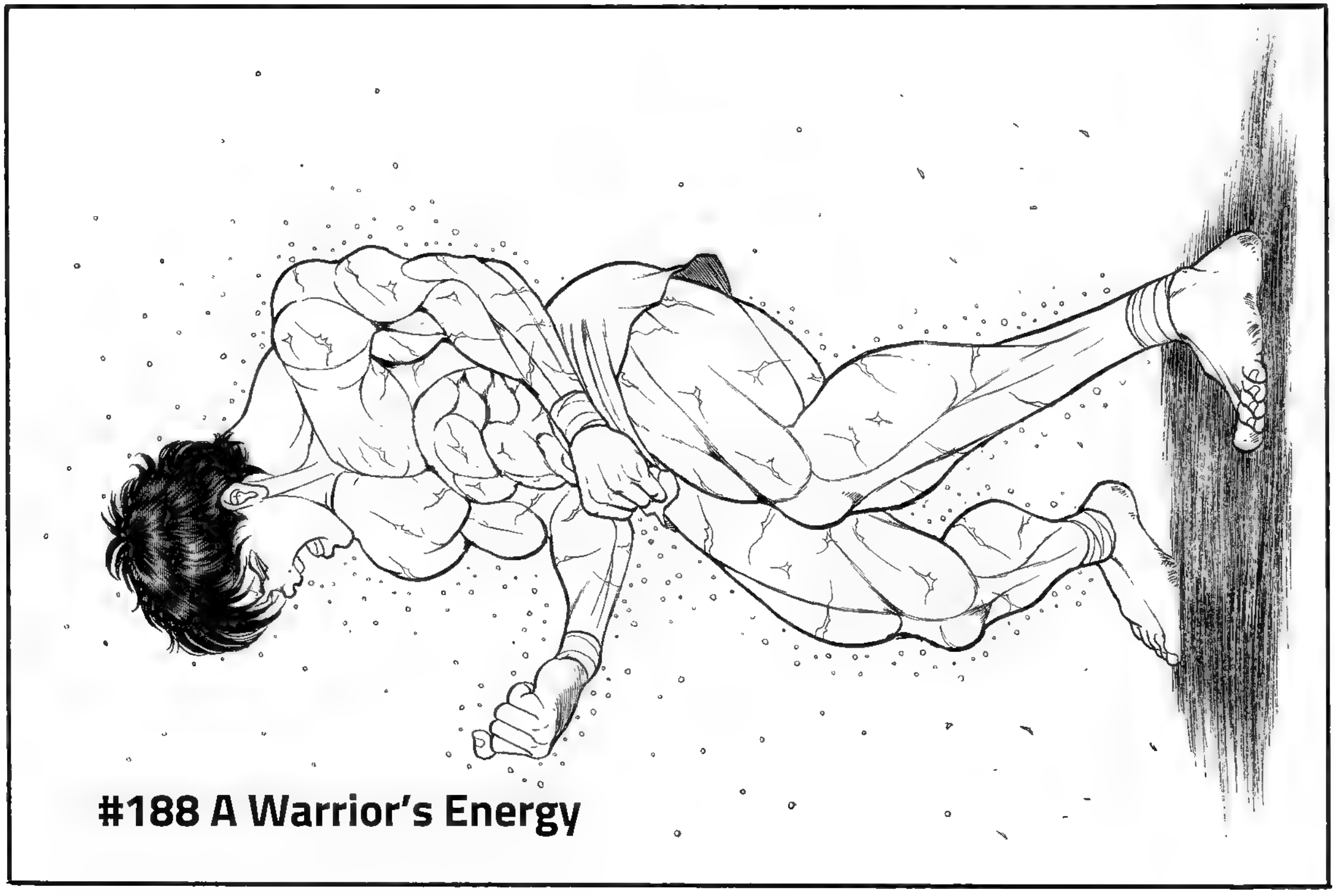
...

DON'T SHAKE HIM!

OH MAN, HE MIGHT NOT MAKE IT...

...YOU CALL THIS A DREAM ?!

YOU...



#188 A Warrior's Energy

ROB ROBINSON, 192 CM, 101 KILOS !!!

KICKBOXING'S UNDISPUTED WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION!!!

SHAKURIKI

HOOLAND

IT'S ALMOST HARD TO IMAGINE THAT INTENSE GLARE COMING FROM THE SAME PERSON WHO SHOWED SUCH A PLAYFUL NATURE BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT!

OOOH... HE'S REALLY OUT FOR BLOOD!

HE WAS GRINNING LIKE AN IDIOT NOT TOO LONG AGO AND NOW LOOK AT HIM.

KEH! YOU'VE GOT TO STAY ON YOUR TOES WITH THIS ONE...

WE'LL SEE THOUGH.

NOT SURE.

MIGHT BE A BIT TOO MUCH FOR OLD IGARI TO BEAR, DON'T YOU THINK?

SIGH
ふう…

THAT'S ACTUALLY GONNA GET HIM KILLED, AIN'T IT?

H-HE KINDA LOOKS LIKE HE'S LOST HIS DRIVE.

...

IN A STREET FIGHT, PROBABLY.

THAT MAN ISN'T A *STREET FIGHTER,* HE'S A BORN *WARRIOR.*

WHAT D'YA MEAN?

"KATO," WAS IT?

...

DO YOU THINK THE MAN WHO JUST LEFT WAS *IGARI*?

HEH HEH. I FEEL WE'RE ABOUT TO SEE SOMETHING INTERESTING.

ZWOO

ZWOO

ZWOO

MR. IGARI!

WHAT'S WRONG?

I *WILL* THROW IN THE TOWEL IF THINGS START TO LOOK BAD!

I...

?!

DON'T WORRY.

JAPAN WAS ONCE DRIVEN INTO A FRENZY BY WATCHING THE MATCHES OF THE MARTIAL ARTS WORLD CHAMPION-SHIP!

IGARI, YOU'RE THE BEST IN THE WOOORLD!

IGA-RIIIII!!!

...!

NOW THE MOST CHARISMATIC MAN IN THE PRO WRESTLING WORLD IS REACHING FOR THOSE HEIGHTS ONCE AGAIN!!!

WOOO

TWENTY YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THEN!

RAAAA

THE MAN WITH THE BURNING FIGHTING SPIRIT HAS RETURNED !!!

IS IT JUST ME OR IS HIS BACK GETTING BIGGER ?

WAIT...

KUZUMI!

Y-YES, SIR!

YOU DUMBASS !!!

BASH

ROLL ROLL ROLL

I KNEW IT!

R-RIGHT!

...RIGHT ?!

IF YOU THROW IN THAT TOWEL, I WON'T BE ABLE TO WIPE UP ALL THE SWEAT I'LL WORK UP...

...!!!

IN FRONT OF THE FANS, MR. IGARI IS STILL THE STRONGEST IN THE WORLD!

ASIDE FROM THE USE OF WEAPONS, ANYTHING IS ALLOWED!

SHAW

HOOLAND

WELL, DAMN... I GUESS YOU'RE TECHNICALLY A PRO TOO...

ファサ

FWSH

AAH... STOP THAT!

TECHNICALLY? DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO, BITCH?

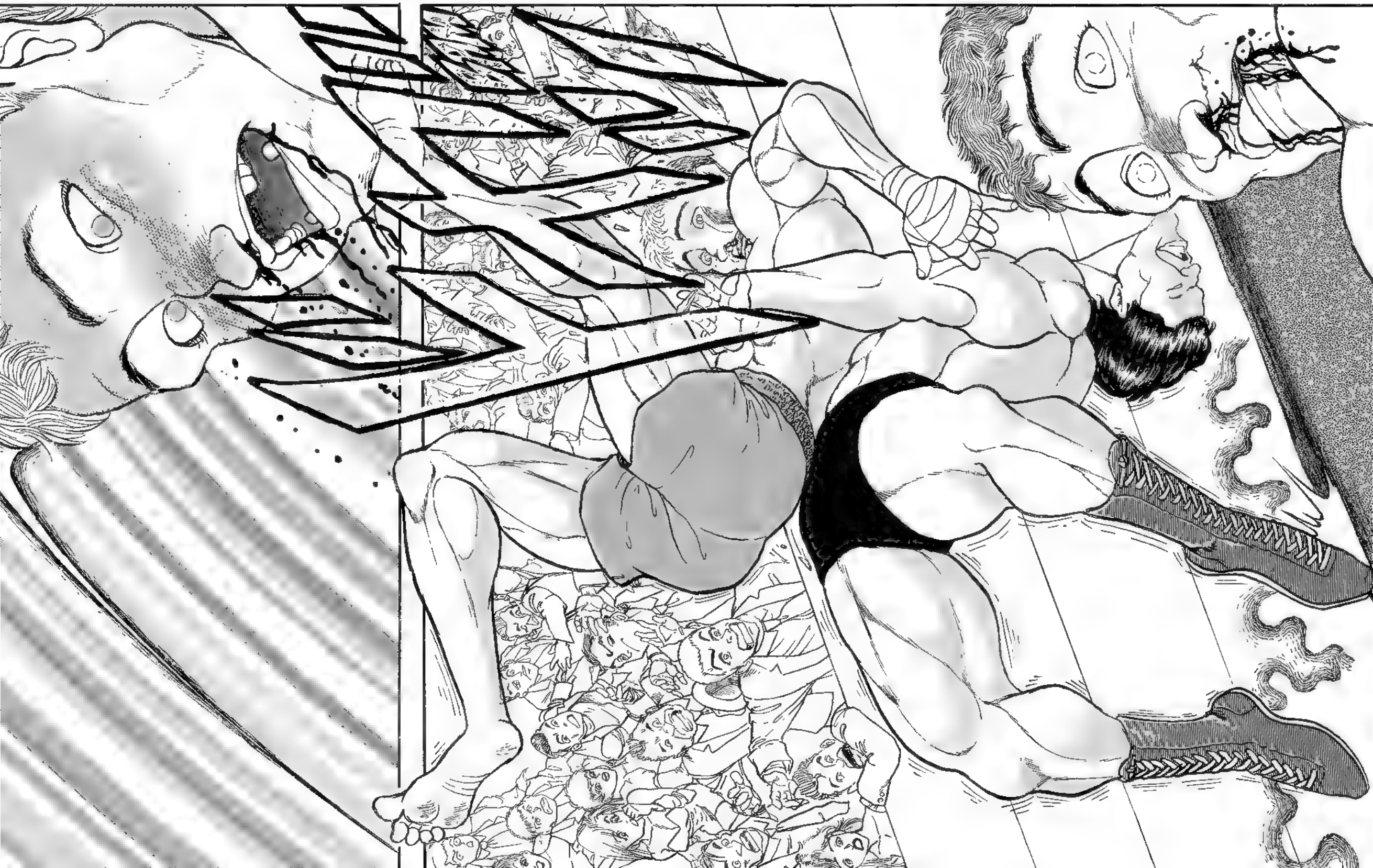
BOTH FIGHTERS, TO YOUR STARTING POSITIONS !

WHAT THE ...?!

...!!!

BEGIIIN!!!

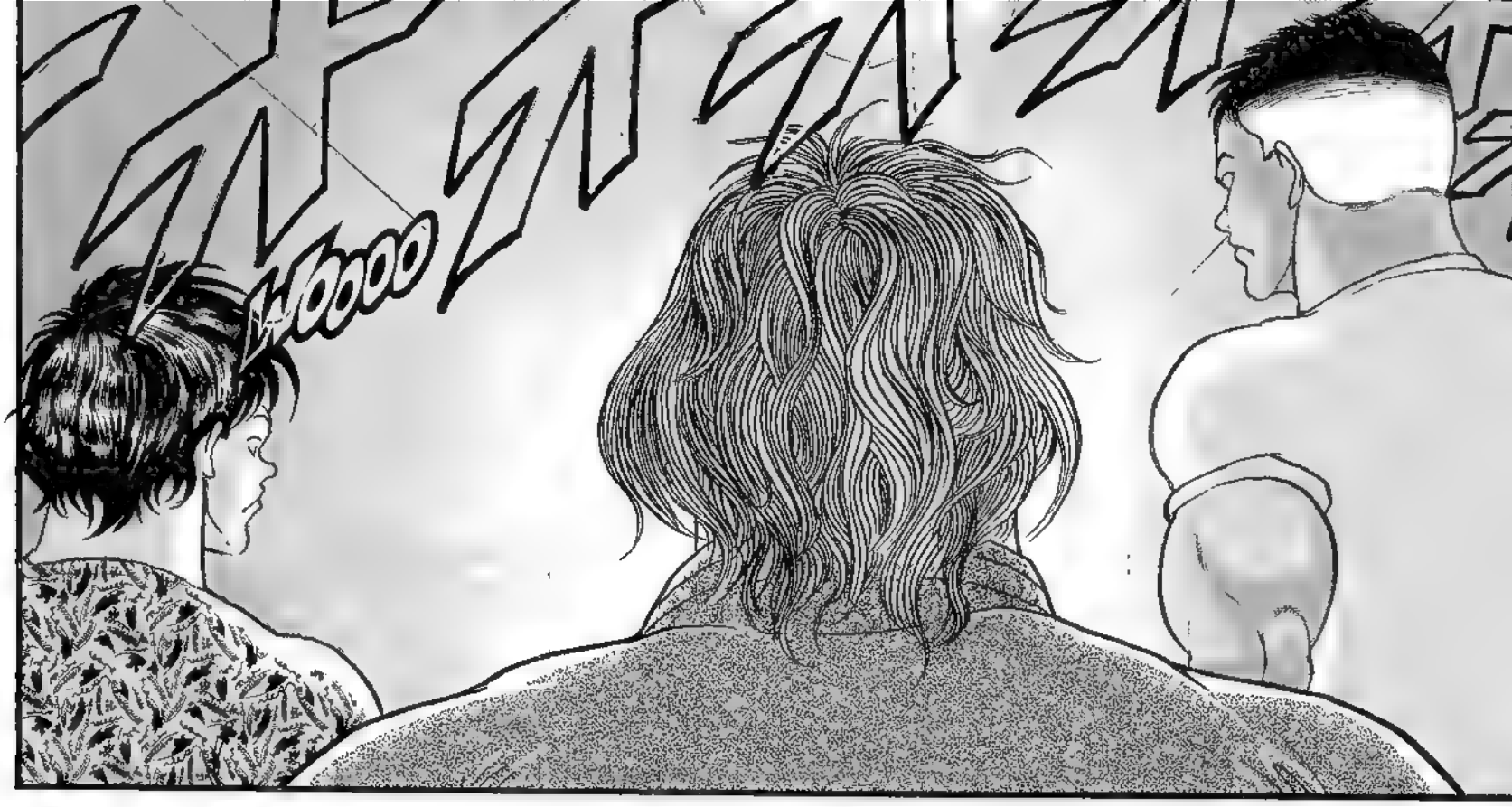
DA-
SHAAAH!
!!!



THE MATCH IS OVER!!!

#189 Jujutsu vs. Sumo

TWIST
ギュ…
ぎりっ…
KRIK
ビシャッ
ビシャッ


YOU KNOW...
I'M JUST TURNING FIFTY.
HUH ...?
... TODAY'S ACTUALLY MY BIRTHDAY.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SIR.

W-WELL, THAT'S WONDERFUL NEWS...

...!

OUR LEVELS ARE SO SKEWED, IT MUST SEEM RIDICULOUS FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN.

AN INTER-DISCIPLINE MATCH BETWEEN AN ACTIVE SUMO YOKOZUNA AND A FIFTY-YEAR-OLD JUJUTSUKA...

BUT...?

FROM THE BLACK TORTOISE CORNER!

...THAT IS WHAT MAKES IT SO DAMN APPEALING... RIGHT?

ALRIGHT!!!

IZO MOTOBE JUJUTSU !!!

RIP

IZO

OFF

IT'S IZO MOTOBE!

THERE HE IS!

AND HE'S SQUARING OFF AGAINST AN ACTIVE YOKOZUNA!

IZO MOTOBE HAS DESCENDED TO THE ARENA!

THE LEADING FIGURE IN SUPER PRACTICAL JUJUTSU!

Woooo

SHOOM
BOTH, TO THE CENTER!
WOOOO

NOW, BACK TO YOUR SPOTS!
ASIDE FROM THE USE OF WEAPONS, ANYTHING IS ALLOWED !

...!

THEY AREN'T MOVING!

THEY'RE GLARING AT EACH OTHER! IT'S A STARE-OFF!

NEITHER ARE BUDGING!

KIN! RYU!
ZAAAAN!

MO-TO-
BEEEE!

DAD, DOES MR. MOTOBE STAND A CHANCE?

SUMO'S ROOTS ARE INGRAINED IN STYLISTIC BEAUTY OVER PRACTICALITY...

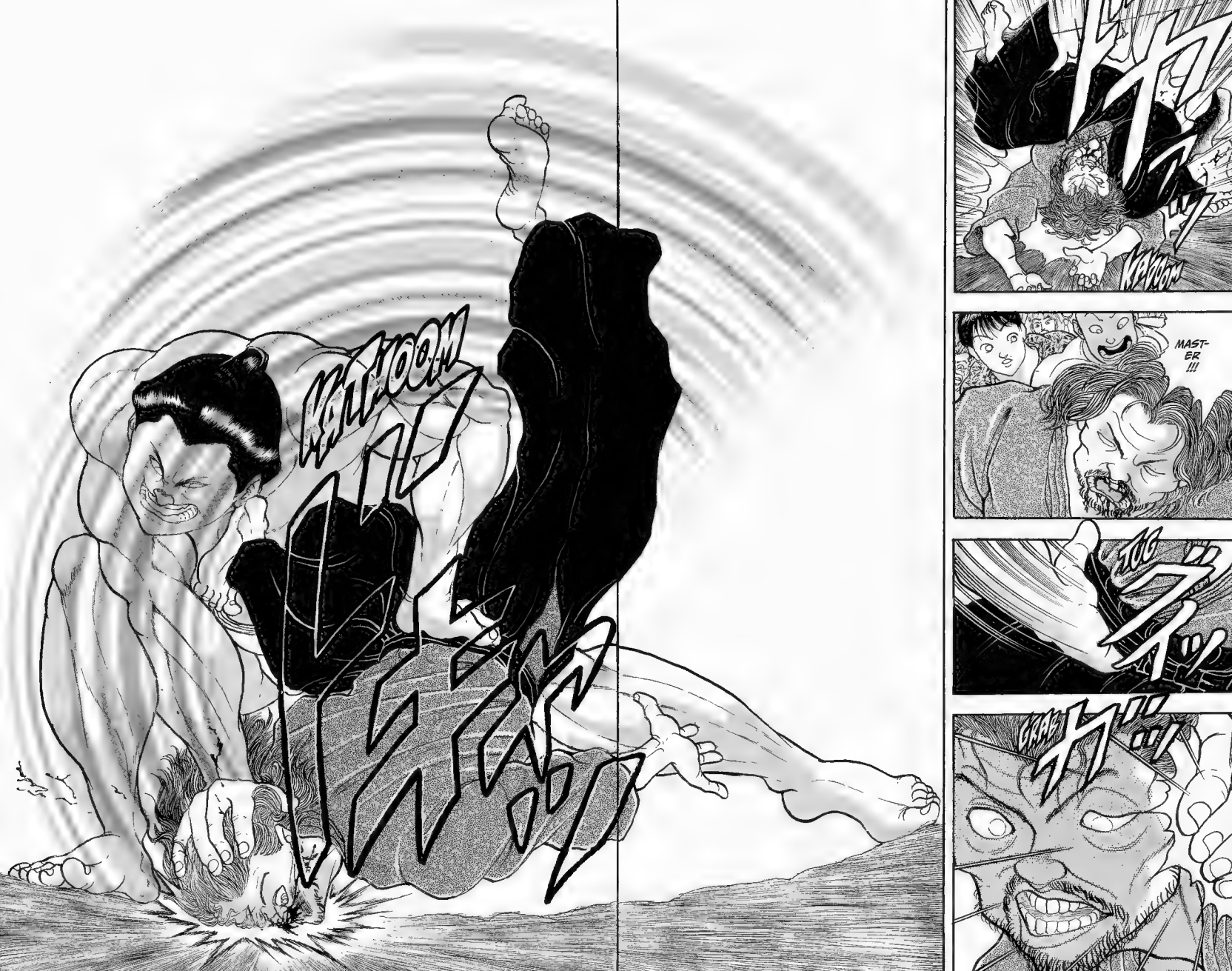
本部

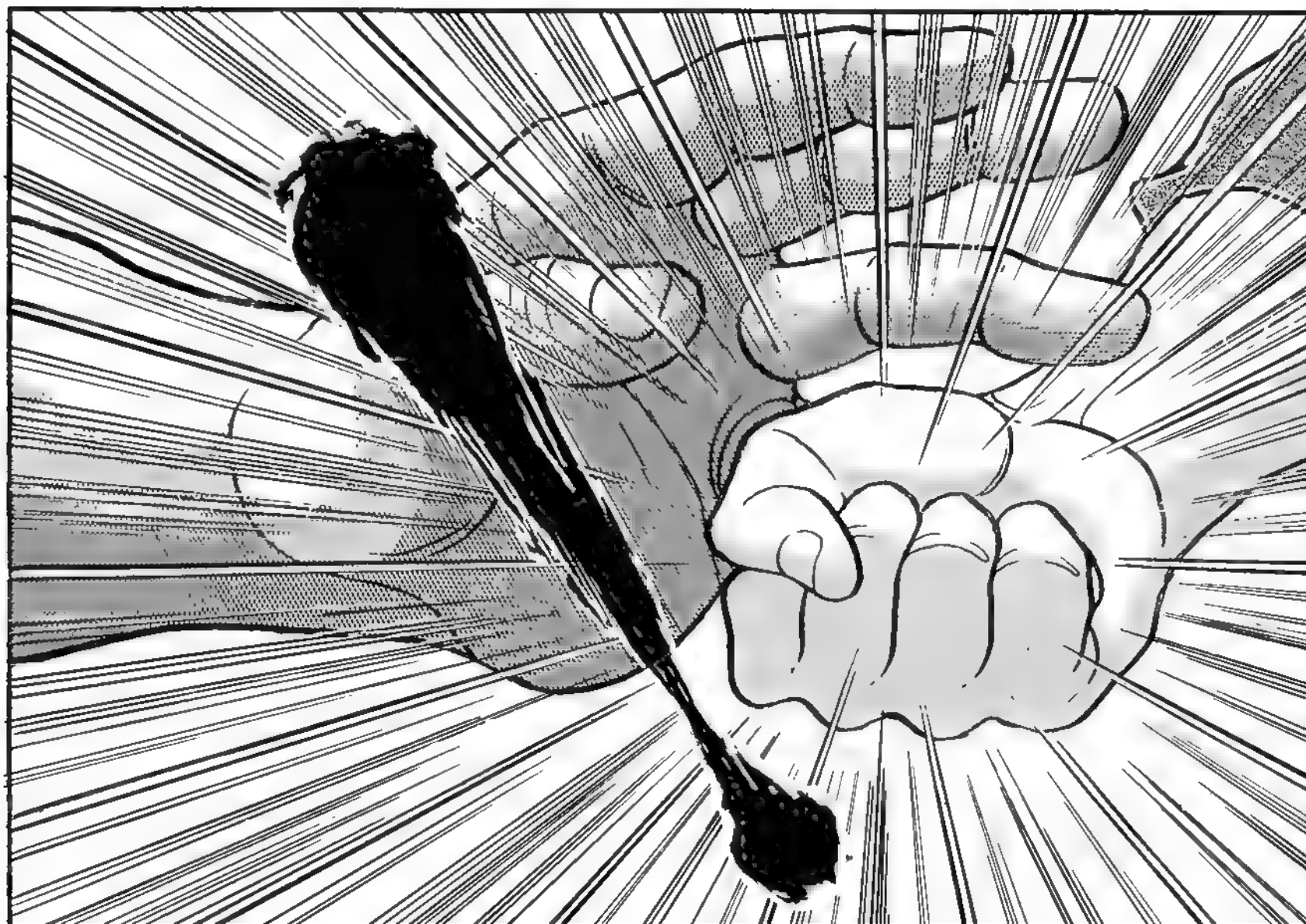
HMMM...

A LOSS FOR A YOKOZUNA IS JUST AN INVITATION FOR PUBLIC RIDICULE, YOU KNOW.

IT'S FINE, SIR.

SUMO IS NOT A DANCE, SIR.
IT IS A MARTIAL ART.
"IT IS A MARTIAL ART."
...BUT IT'S PRETTY DAMN STRONG IN SPITE OF THAT.
TUN
BEGIIIN!


KATHOOM
MAST-
ER
!!!
TUG
GRAB



#190 The Fearsome Lifeline

GO AHEAD AND SNAP IT!!!

A FINGER LOCK!

A-AL-RIGHT!

HUH...?

THIS IS BAD...

THIS ISN'T GOOD...

YOU'RE GOING TO BE AWAY FROM THE RING FOR A WHILE.

SO-
RYAAAH!

THE YOKOZUNA IS AT THE END OF HIS ROPE!

GRIND

HE SNAPPED IT!!!

HE...

...AMAZINGLY, HE'S HANGING ON WITH HIS PINKY!

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING!

BLAKK
A HEAD-BUTT!

SUMO VS. JUJUTSU!

NEITHER FIGHTER IS GIVING AN INCH!!!

DID THAT LAST EXCHANGE TEACH YOU ANYTHING ?

...I WOULDN'T PUT ANY MONEY ON A PLAN THAT INVOLVES GRABBING A RIKISHI'S PINKY.

I'D SAY, EITHER WAY...

WHY...?

WELL OBSERVED ...

YES.

白虎

WHY WON'T THE FINGER LOCK WORK?

A RIKISHI'S PINKIES ARE AMAZING, AREN'T THEY?

THINK ABOUT IT. IN SUMO, YOU GRAB YOUR OPPONENT'S LOINCLOTH WITH YOUR PINKY FIRST.

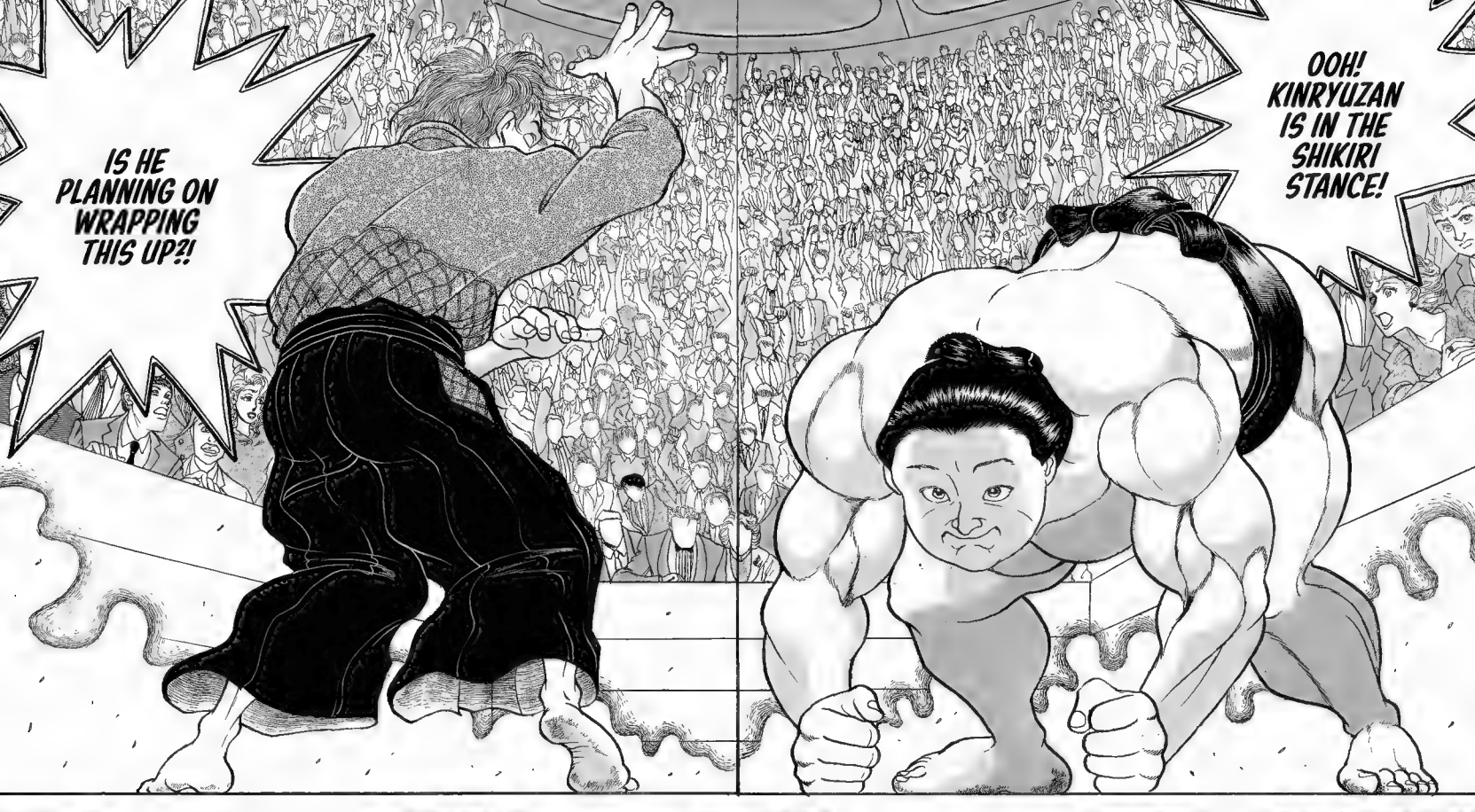
A RIKISHI'S PINKY IS THEIR *LIFELINE.*

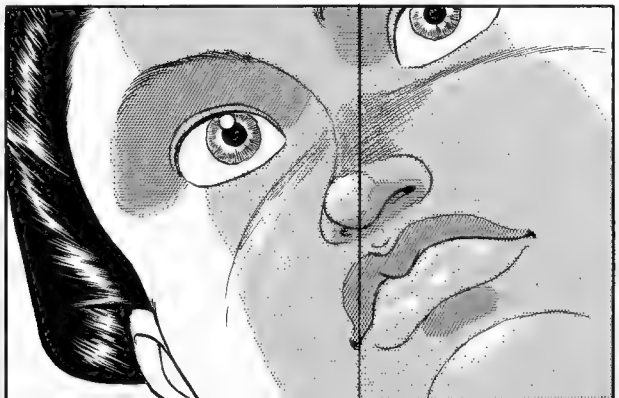
AND A YOKOZUNA CAN TOPPLE A QUARTER-TON RIKISHI WITH JUST HIS PINKY ALONE...

...MIGHT JUST BE SUMO WREST-LING.

FROM A STANDING POSITION, THE STRONGEST MARTIAL ART...

...!

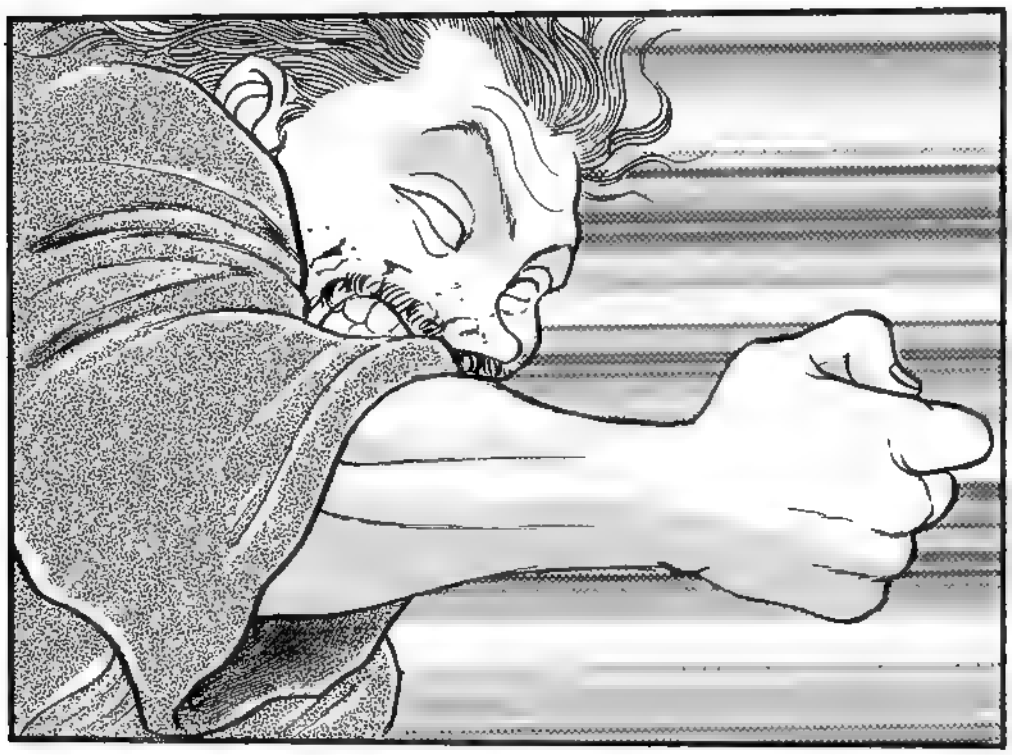

IS HE PLANNING ON WRAPPING THIS UP?!
OOH! KINRYUZAN IS IN THE SHIKIRI STANCE!

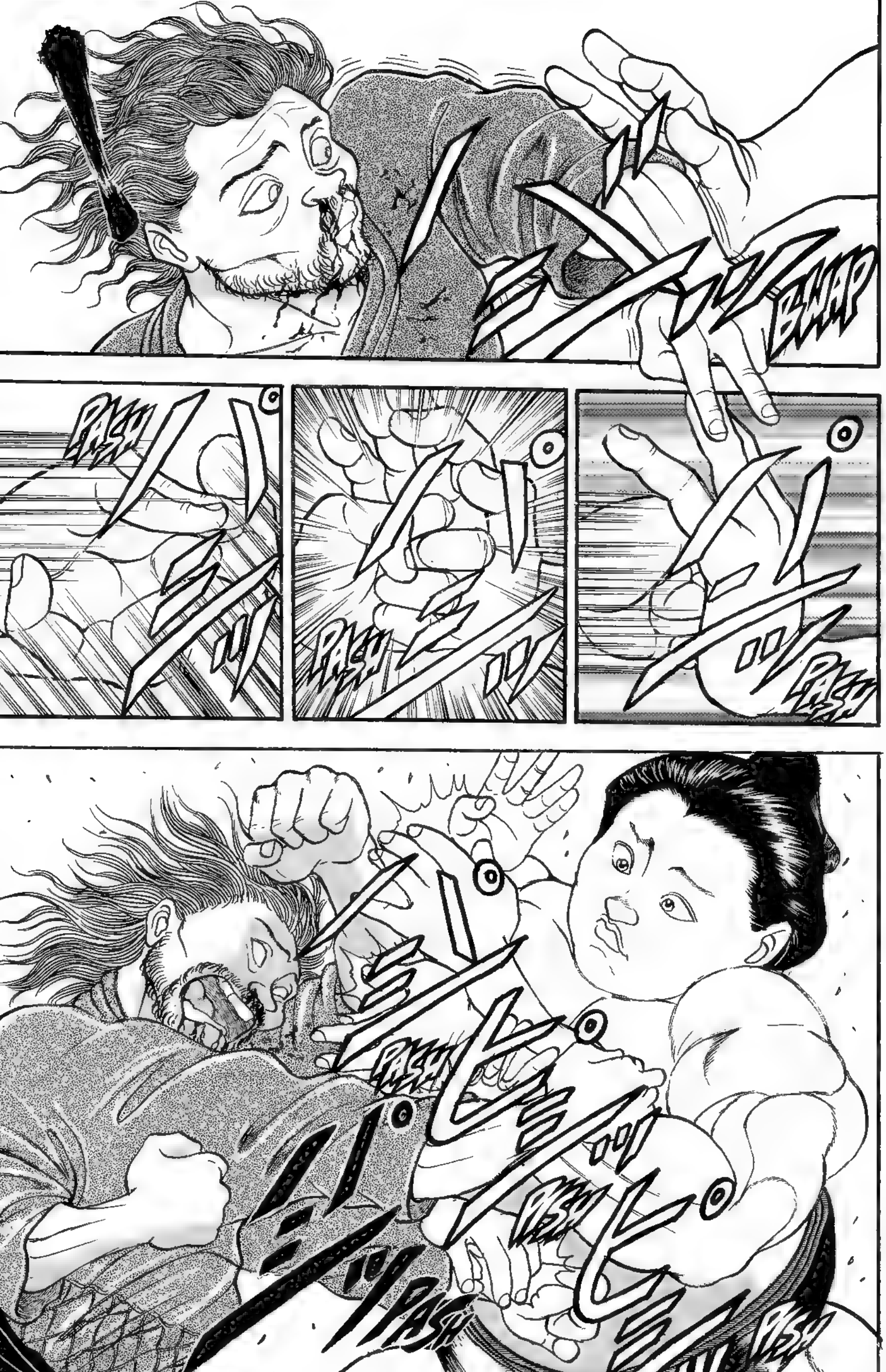


HE'S GOING TO TRY AND END THIS.

SHIKIRI ...!

HOO
HOO




BWAP
PASH
PASH
PASH
PASH
PASH
PASH
PASH

HE'S DEFLECTING ALL OF HIS HITS...
LOOKS LIKE HE COULD SHOOT DOWN STRIKES FROM YOUR AVERAGE KARATEKA WITH THOSE MAESABAKI FRONT PARRIES OF HIS.

!!!

どよ どよ どよ どよ どよ

THIS IS TERRIBLE ......!!!

EEMUSS

...!!!

YAGURA!

A FEROCIOUS YAGURA-NAGE INNER-THIGH THROW!

KA-BOOM

SNAP

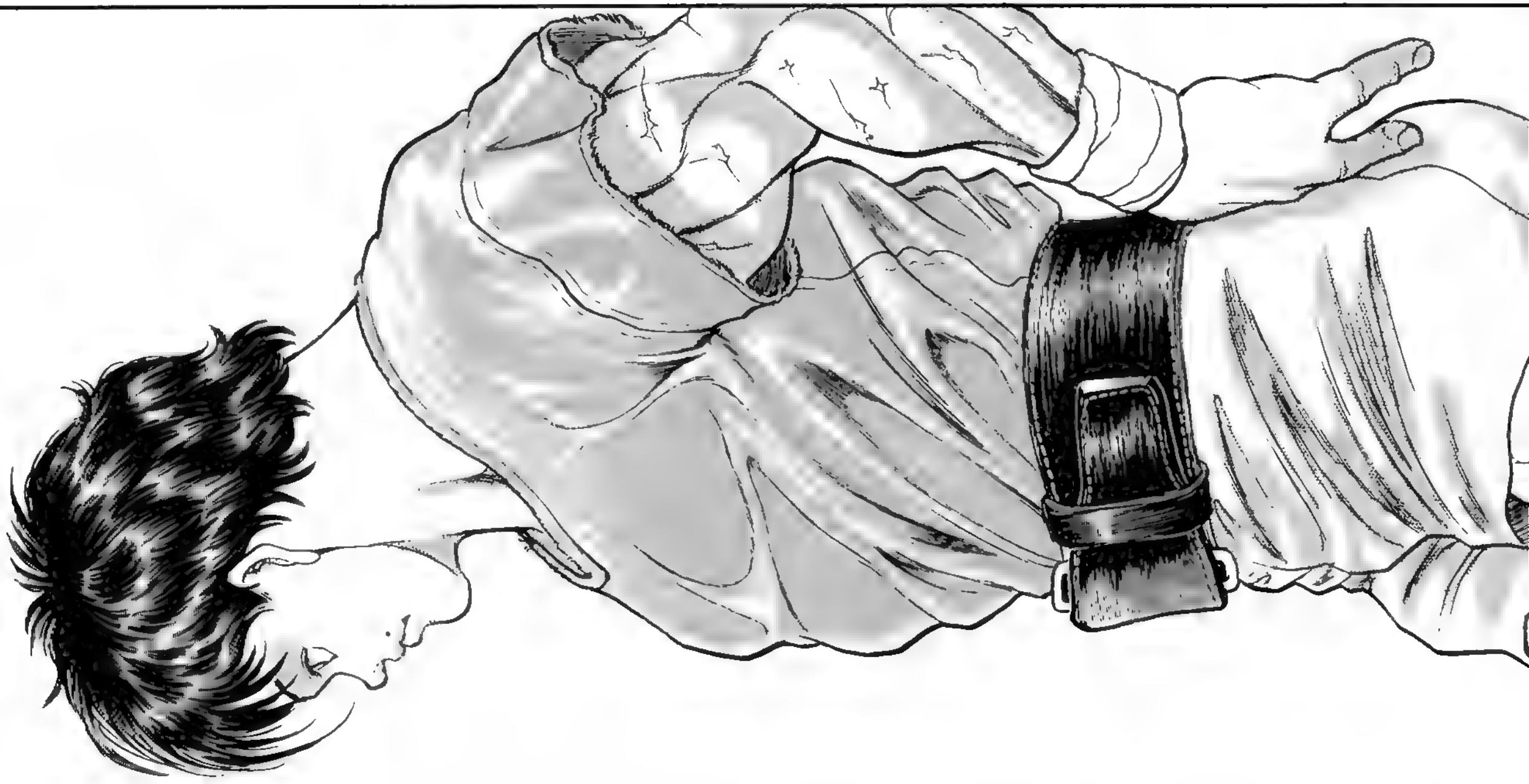
...WHAT IS THIS YOKOZUNA ABOUT TO DO?!

WH...

SUMO COMES OUT STRONG! KINRYUZAN IS A TERRIFYING FORCE!!!
THE MATCH IS OVER!

SAKI
THE GRAPPLER
SAKI
THE GRAPPLER

BAKI 2
THE GRAPPLER
BAKI
THE GRA



#191 The Stacked Block B

MM-
HMM...

ANJI
IGARI
(PRO WRESTLING)

IZO
MOTOBE
(MOTOBE-RYU
JUJUTSU)

KINRYUZAN
(SUMO)

SO THESE FOUR WILL FACE OFF IN BLOCK A.

BAKI HANMA (TOTAL FIGHTING)

ANDREAS REGAN (PRO WRESTLING)

ZULU (VALE TUDO)

DENTO-RANEE JITPIKA (KICKBOXING)

ROB ROBINSON (KICKBOXING)

KANJI IGARI (PRO WRESTLING)

IZO MOTOBE (MOTOBE-RYU JUJUTSU)

KINRYUZAN (SUMO)

SERGEI TAKTAROV (SAMBO)

ALL OF THEM HAVE GOT SOME TRICKS UP THEIR SLEEVES...

VS

IT'LL BE HARD TO PREDICT ANY WINNERS...

...AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE...

VS

KIYOSUMI KATO (SHINSHINKAI KARATE)

×

ROBERTO GUERAN (PRO BOXING)

KAIO RETSU (CHINESE KEMPO)

×

SERGEI TAKTAROV (SAMBO)

GOODNESS, I SIMPLY CAN'T GET ENOUGH.

WE'RE ONLY A QUARTER OF THE WAY THROUGH, BUT LOOK AT THE LINEUP IN BLOCK B.

KATSUMI OROCHI
(SHINSHINKAI KARATE)

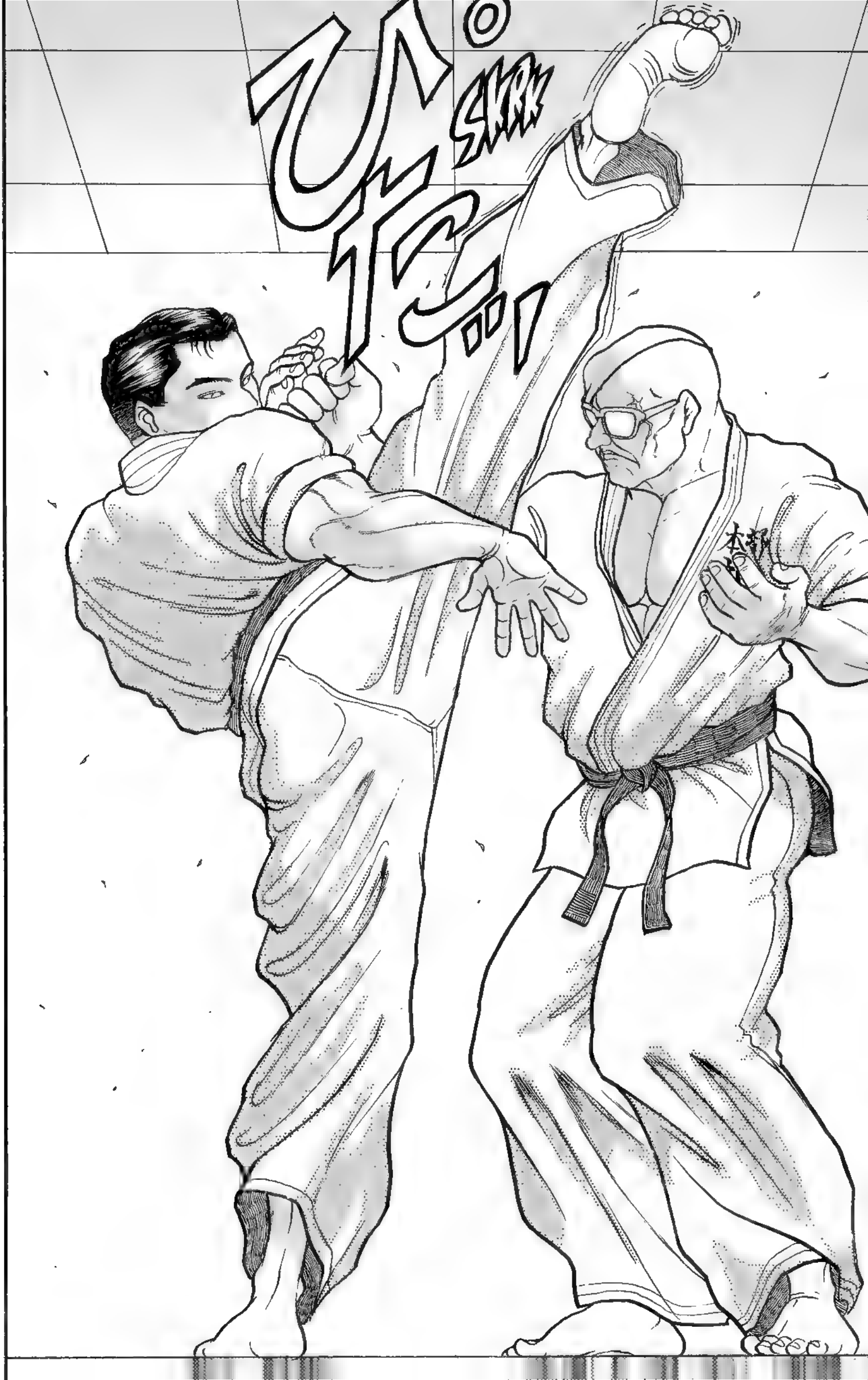
ROLAND ISTAZ
(WRESTLING)

BUNNOSHIN INAGI
(NIPPON KEMPO)

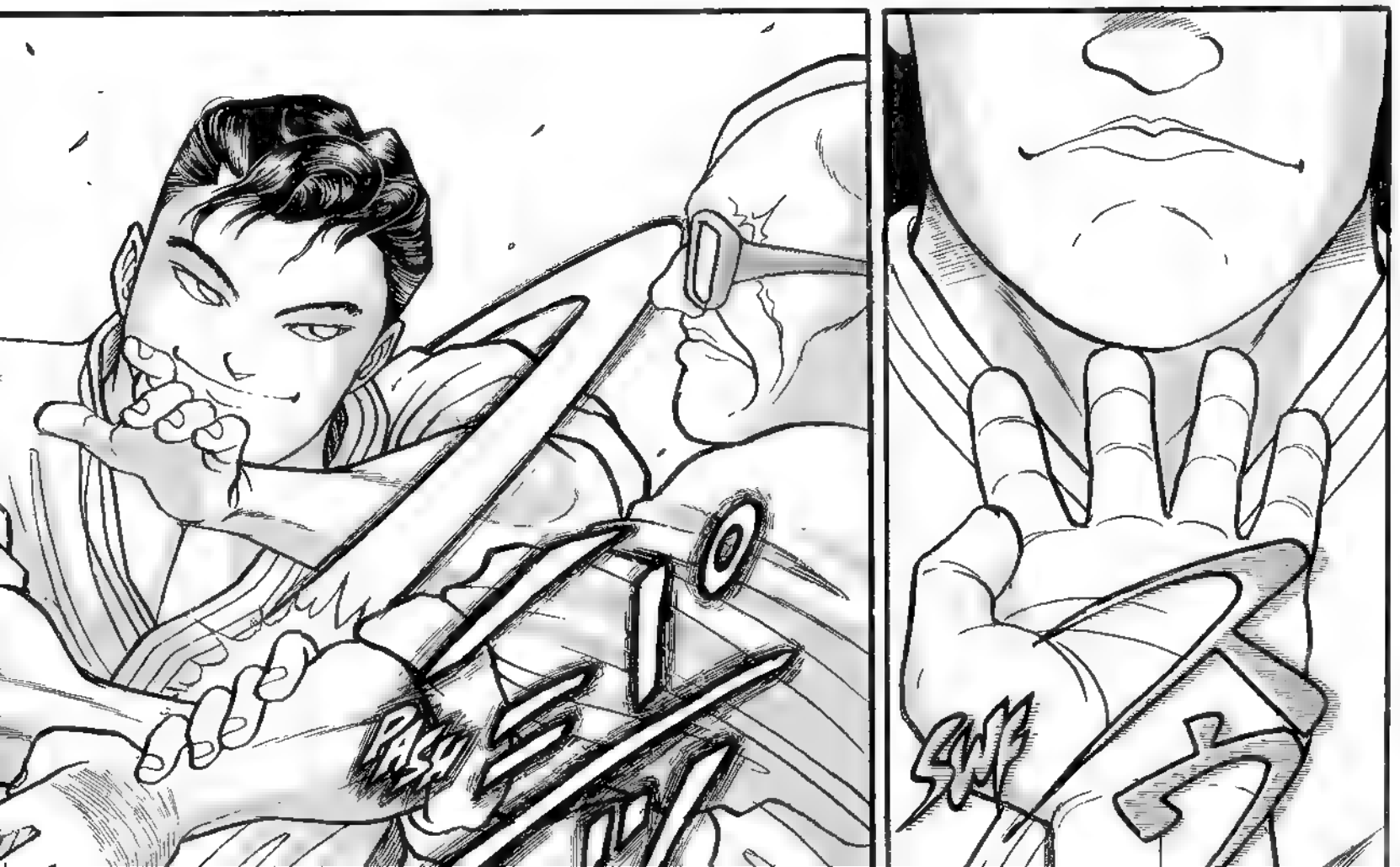
KAORU HANAYAMA
(BRAWLER)

SWF

COMPETITORS' DRESSING ROOM


ガシッ
SKRK

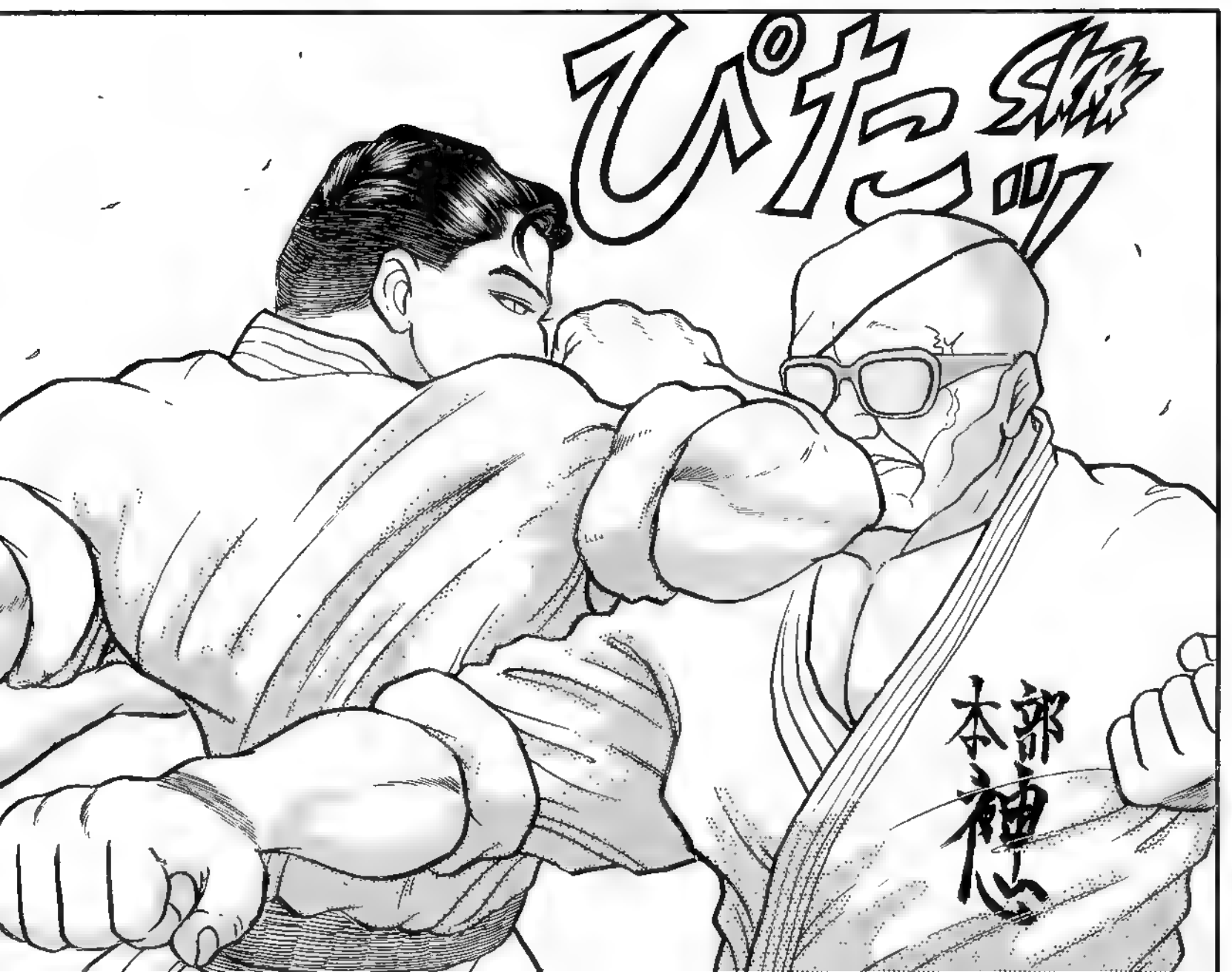
SCHF


PASH
SCHF

ぴたッ
SKRK

THAT SLOW, TAI CHI-ESQUE SPARRING...

I'VE TRIED THAT EXERCISE WITH THE DIRECTOR IN THE PAST...



...A SINGLE STRIKE.

I COULDN'T FEND OFF...

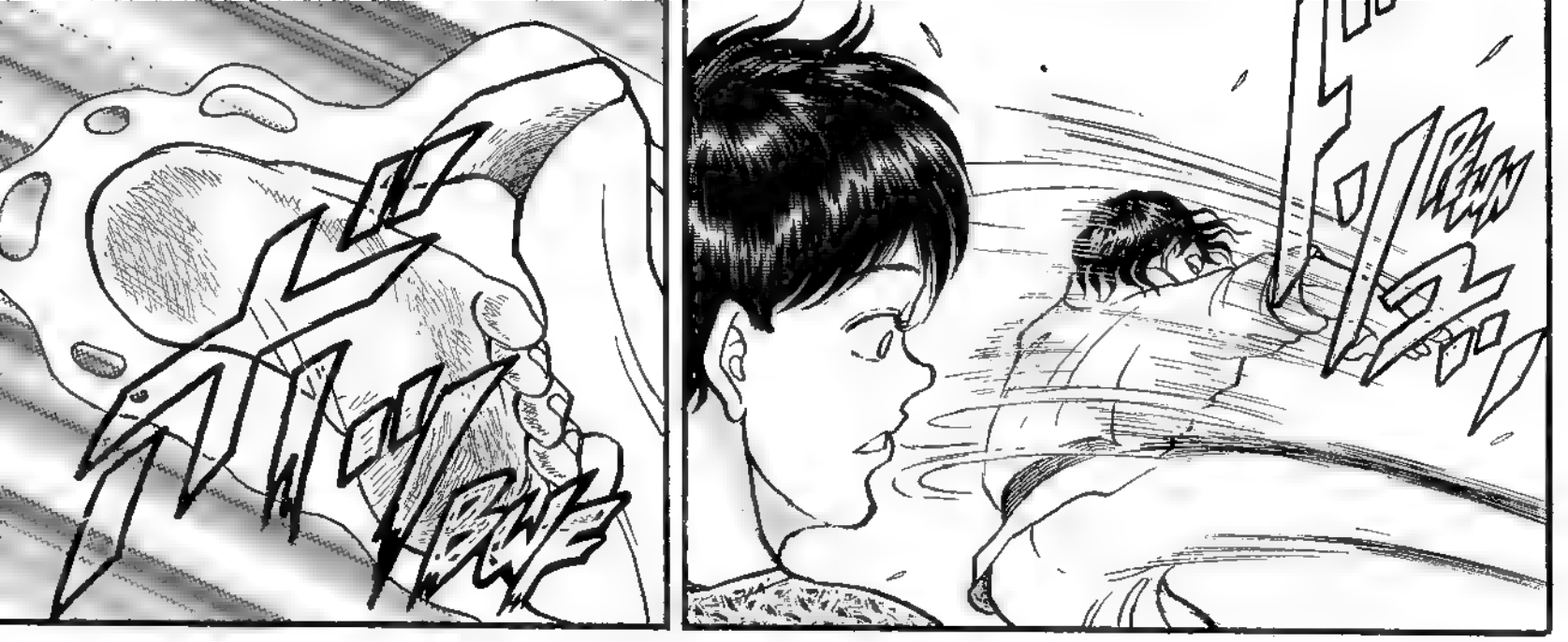
THAT EXERCISE ISN'T AS SIMPLE AS IT LOOKS.

YOU TOO ...?

SAME HERE, MR. KATO.

HE MIGHT'VE ACTUALLY PERFECTED KARATE...

HE REALLY DOES HAVE TALENT.

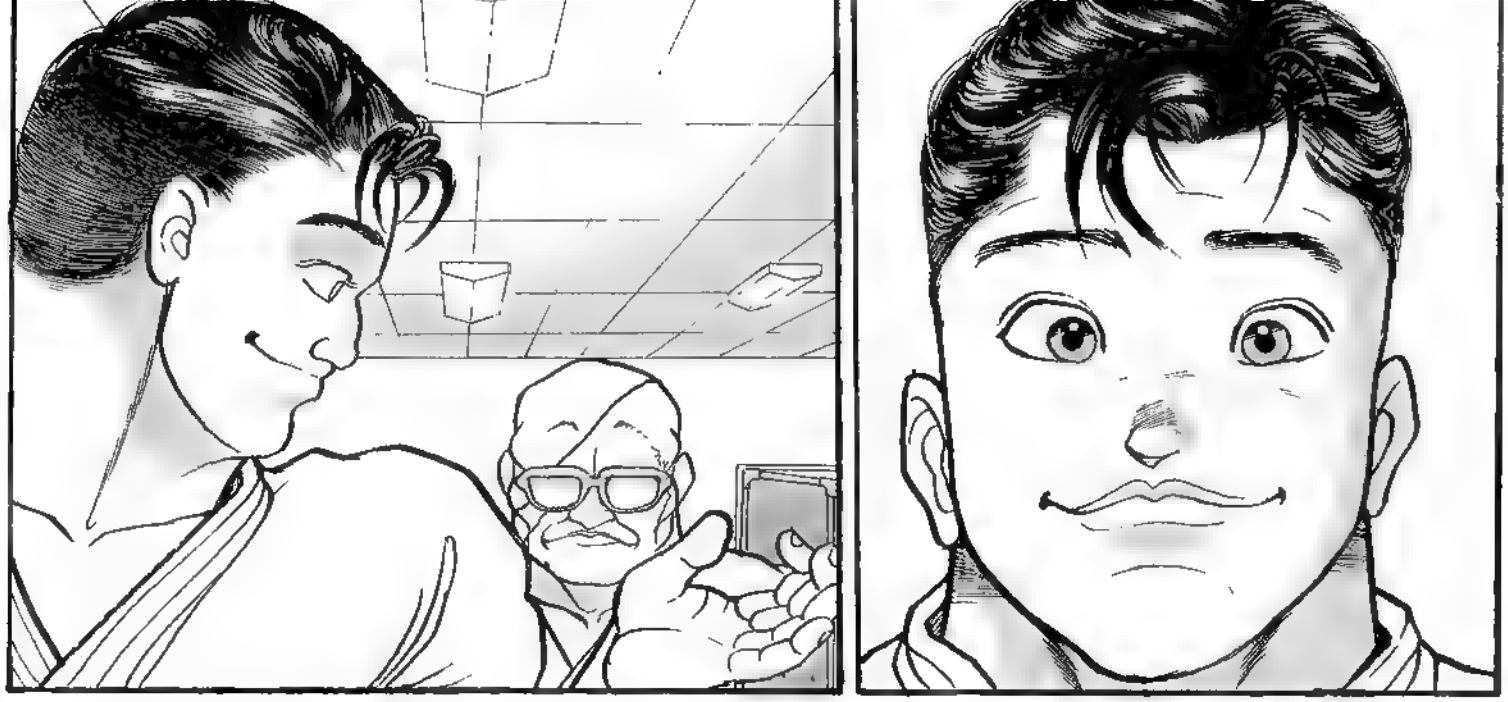


DON'T FORGET, BAKI.
I'M THE ONE MAKING IT OUT OF BLOCK B.
I'M GONNA SHOW YOU, MR. LITTLE KARATE MASTER...
...JUST HOW TOUGH HYBRID STYLES CAN BE...

PARDON?

I WANT A WORD WITH YOU.

本部 神心



LET'S HEAR IT.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE CLAIM THAT YOU HAVE *PERFECTED* KARATE? ARE YOU DISREGARDING US PRACTITIONERS OF KUNG-FU?

WELL, YOU GOT ME THERE...

THE MEANING?

RECTIFY IT AT ONCE.

IT IS AN INSULT TO THE FOUR-THOUSAND-YEAR-HISTORY OF CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS.

THAT'S SOMETHING *EVERYONE ELSE* HAS BEEN CLAIMING...

...EXACTLY DO I GO ABOUT DOING THAT?

AND HOW...

WHEEEEW

"...AND IGNORANT TO THAT FACT, I DELUSIONALLY BELIEVED I HAD REACHED KUNG* BECAUSE I AM A FOOLISH, INCOMPLETE MARTIAL ARTIST!"

"I TRAINED IN AN INCOMPLETE MARTIAL ART, PASSED DOWN IN AN INCOMPLETE FORM FROM CHINA..."

*REACHING KUNG: ACHIEVING PERFECTION IN A MARTIAL ART.

WHA...?

YOU HAVE NO SAY IN THE MATTER!

SERIOUSLY?

...YOU THINK I CAN DO THAT?

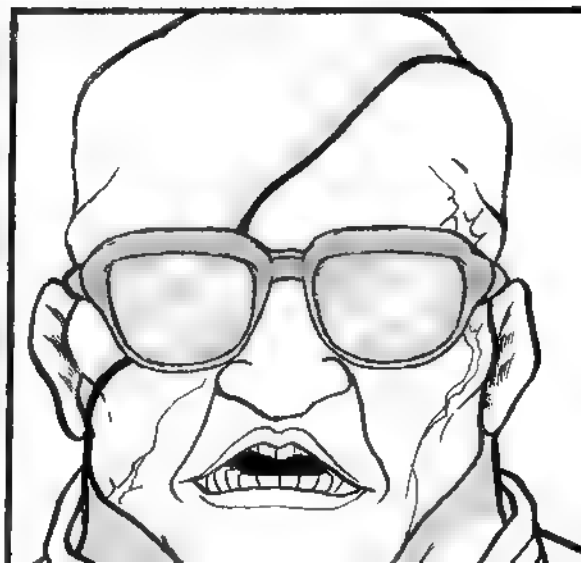
KATSUMI ...

SHOULD I JUST TAKE YOU ON HERE AND SHOW YOU WHAT *PERFECTED KARATE* IS?

HOW SHOULD WE SETTLE THIS, THEN?

TAU

ARE YOU SERIOUS?



THERE IS A PROVERB, "THE YELLOW RIVER DOES NOT SCOLD PUDDLES," BUT I DISAGREE WITH IT.

LISTEN UP, BUDGET BRUCE LEE. HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED THAT I MIGHT BE THE *AMAZON RIVER* AND NOT A PUDDLE?

HEY.

YOUR FIRST MATCH IS AGAINST *ME.*

IT'S TAKTAROV ...

THE SAMBO CHAM-PION...

WE CAN FIGHT HERE, IF YOU WANT.

#192 Man from the Northern Land

YOUR OPPONENT ISN'T THAT *KARATE MAN.*

USA

IT'S *ME.*

FIND A CORNER TO STRETCH IN AND BE GONE.

THIS MATTER IS OF NO CONCERN TO YOU. DO NOT INTERJECT.

AFRAID I CAN'T DO THAT. IF YOU GET SO MUCH AS A SCRATCH HERE, IT'LL TARNISH MY VICTORY AS WELL.

UH-OH...

ゴゴゴゴゴゴ

YOUR VICTORY ?!

OHO.

THAT'S RIGHT. I'M DEDICATING MY VICTORY IN THIS TOURNAMENT TO MY TRUE MASTER AND HOME, THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC.

YOU REALLY WANT TO CHANCE IT, HUH? YOUR PHRASING IS GONNA SET HIM OFF...

FOOL !!!

I CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOUR LITTLE ACT, BOYS.
HULKAMANIA

YOU'VE BOTH GOTTEN COLD FEET AND NOW YOU'RE TRYING TO START SHIT SO THAT YOU'LL GET DISQUALIFIED, RIGHT?

MR. REGAN...

OH BOY, IT'S JUST ONE AFTER ANOTHER.

本郷神

WOULD YOU PREFER IT IF I DRAGGED YOU OUTSIDE?

I WILL TOLERATE NO FURTHER SLANDER.

HULKAMANIA

GRAP

...!

PUNCH PUNCH PUNCH PUNCH
OOH! A CROSS BODY ARM BAR. ♡

ビリビリ
ビリビリ
ビリビリ
ビリビリ
ビリビリ

HWOOO

SO HURRY AND PULL IT UP!

PULLING POWER IS SAMBO'S STRENGTH.

1990, THE FORMER SOVIET UNION, THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC, ARKHANGELSK

APPARENT TEMPERATURE: SIX-TY-TWO DEGREES BELOW FREEZING

TEMPERATURE: TWENTY-FIVE DEGREES BELOW FREEZING

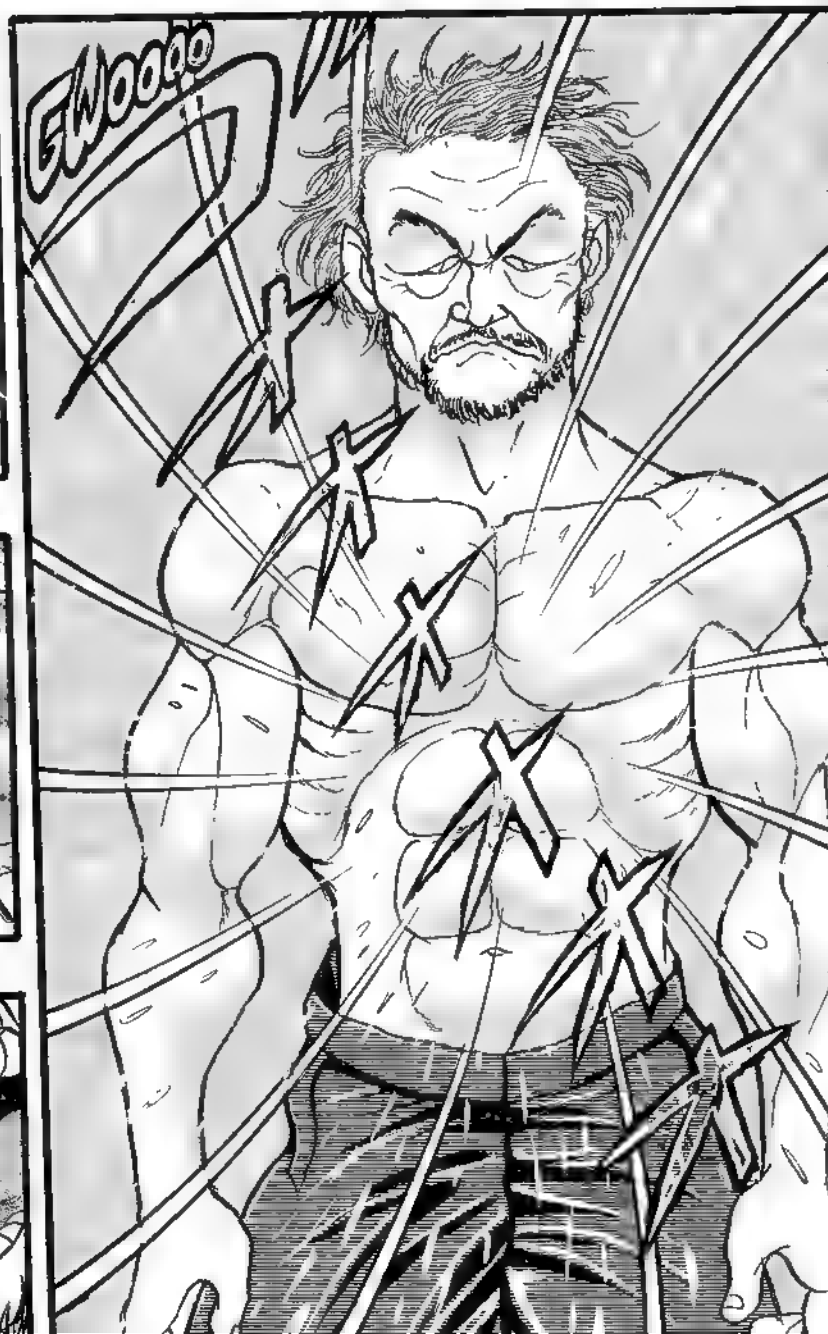
WIND SPEED: THIRTY-SEVEN METERS PER SECOND

IF YOU DON'T PULL IT UP QUICKLY, YOU'RE GOING TO FREEZE ALL OVER!!!

...!

GET YOUR BLOOD BOILING, SERGE!!

IF YOU CAN PULL THIS MINECART UP, THEN THERE'S NO PERSON IN THE WORLD WHO CAN BEAT YOU!!!


GWOOOO

HOROSHO, SERGEI!

HOROSHO, SAMBO!

URAAA! FOR THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC !!!

HOROSHO, SERGEI!

HOROSHO, SERGEI!

SKR

SKR

SKR

SKR

SKR

SKR

IT'S GETTING A LITTLE CHILLY. LET'S DRINK SOME VODKA.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

HWOOO

YOU DID STEAL MY PREY, AFTER ALL.

I WILL NOT THANK YOU.

WE WILL NOW BEGIN THE FIRST MATCH FOR THE FIRST ROUND OF BLOCK B!

HWOOO

Baki the Grappler Vol. 12 (End)

12 PAK
THE GRAPPLER
12 PAK
THE GRAPPLER

BAKI
THE GRAPPLER

Baki the Grappler Vol. 12 by Keisuke Itagaki 2008.
Original Japanese edition published in 2008 by Akita Publishing Co., Ltd.
English translation rights arranged with Akita Publishing Co., Ltd.

English edition © 2024 by Kodama Tales Inc.

Translator: David Evelyn
Letterer: Rafael Zaiats
Cover / Logo Design: Tom “spAde” Bertrand (BlackStudio)
Publishing Advisor: Sullivan Rouaud

Editor: Michael SJ Lacerna
Copyeditor: Haize
Marketing: Seb Saebyul
Production: Jennie Flogstad
Director of Operations: Kashu Kondo
CFO & Co-founder: Pierre Dubost
CEO & Co-founder: Kiyotaka Hirai

All rights reserved. No portion of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means without written permission from the copyright holders. Any likeness of events, places, situations, and/or persons (living or deceased), is purely coincidental.

Kodama Tales Inc.
2200 Colorado Avenue,
Santa Monica, CA 90404, USA

contact@kodama-tales.com
www.kodama-tales.com

ISBN: 978-1-966523-14-7

First Printing: March 2026
10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Printed in Japan
by Kyodo Printing Co., Ltd.